



£50m BID FOR TOWN MAKEOVER

Report by Tim Spiers

AN AMBITIOUS £50 million regeneration plans will see restaurants, shops and houses built alongside a supermarket in Dudley town centre.

Council chiefs confirmed the Porters Field project has now moved a step closer, after 18 months of talks. The plan includes restaurants, cafes and a gym and would bring 500 jobs to the town.

Eyreside office block Cavendish House will be demolished to make way for a modern store and a stylish public piazza. Bosses say the project will take shape at the Birmingham Street entrance to Churchill Precinct. Avenbury Developments is undertaking the scheme.

John Millar, acting strategic director for economy, environment and housing, said: "We are pleased that one of the key elements of the ongoing regeneration story in Dudley town centre is now falling into place, despite difficult market conditions."

"The proposal on the table from Avenbury, which is subject to normal planning processes, will bring another major boost for the town."

It would include designated areas for restaurants and cafes, business units and shops stretching between King Street and Flood Street and between Flood Street and Oakwell Street.

The scheme would also aim to improve links between King Street and the rest of the town centre, including High Street and the market place.

Opportunity

Developer Commercial Estates Group already has planning permission for the foodstore and has previously announced proposals to expand its regeneration scheme for the site of Falcon House in the Minories.

Richard Burke, from Commercial Estates Group, previously said: "We can bring forward a new supermarket but the site is capable of delivering so much more for Dudley."

"With the regeneration of King Street this offers a unique opportunity to deliver homes, commercial and leisure uses, community facilities and retail while reconnecting King Street to the town centre."

It is the latest regeneration scheme aiming to breathe new life into the town centre.

A £650,000 project to open up King Street to all traffic for the first time in 12 years was completed in December. Previously only buses and taxis had been able to use the route.



Artist's view of Porters Field

Delegation in meeting on shop plan

RESIDENTS will quiz supermarket bosses over plans for a convenience store on a pub car park in Wordsley.

A 15-strong delegation will meet with representatives behind plans to build on the car park of The Ashwood Inn in Wordsley.

The fear the store could hit the trade of nearby shops and are also worried about traffic and parking.

A public meeting held at the village was attended by 75 residents, who provided 23 questions they want answered by the Co-Op. A poll was taken showing 68 people opposed the scheme and seven were undecided.

Dudley councillor Derrick Hemmingsley, who represents Wordsley, said the Co-Op had been invited to attend the public meeting but had declined, preferring to meet a delegation of villagers in private.

The convenience store is set to create 20 jobs. The developers ruled out calls to transform a nearby rundown shopping parade.

New River Retail has submitted the plans and the Co-Op is behind similar proposals at several pubs in the Black Country after brewery Marston's sold off pubs in a £90 million deal.

Libraries are backing free book night

FREE books provided by a national charity will be given out by Dudley borough library staff as part of World Book Night next week.

The annual celebration of reading takes place on April 23 when hundreds of thousands of books are given away.

Deborah Harkins, chief officer responsible for libraries, said: "World Book Night is a great way of helping to inspire more people to read and for people to share their love of reading with others."

"Library staff will have a selection of books, provided by The Reading Agency, to give away, but we want to remind people that they can also borrow up-to-date titles from their local library for free."

Events in the borough include a special World Book Night at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge when books will be given out from 3pm. The Friends of Cradley Library will also be out in their community.

At Halesowen Library, quiz enthusiasts can pit their wits against other teams from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Tickets are free but need to be booked. Dudley Library will also be hosting a book-themed quiz on the night.

Taxi driver left me lying on the road



Connor Jones, aged 21, of Brierley Hill, suffered a broken leg after being knocked off his bike by a silver taxi in Springfield Lane, Rowley Regis

Screaming with pain

THE victim of a hit-and-run crash has revealed that he was left lying in the road screaming in agony.

Connor Jones, aged 21, of Brierley Hill, suffered a broken leg after being knocked off his bike by a silver taxi in Springfield Lane, Rowley Regis, and hurtling into a stationary Toyota Yaris parked on the other side of the road.

Connor, who works as a picker at M&J Seafood in Smethwick, was returning home from a night shift when he was struck in the early hours of April 4.

The taxi driver fled the scene after initially stopping to look at the stricken biker, leaving Connor lying in the road screaming in pain. "I remember thinking 'oh no'

when I saw the taxi in front of me, but I don't really know what I was thinking because it all happened so fast," explained Connor.

"I was shouting to get somebody's attention. I'd just been left screaming in the road."

Connor was taken to Russells Hall Hospital and has since been transferred to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. He has had pins inserted into his leg.

Residents in Springfield Lane described being woken at 5am by the sound of a car revving its engine before a 'terrific bang,' followed by the anguished cries of 'my leg, my leg.'

Police want anyone with information on the taxi driver to call Sandwell officers on 101.

HOUSING

Homes vision for hospital unveiled

LONG-AWAITED plans to redevelop a former hospital in Dudley has emerged with 157 homes proposed for the site.

Wates Construction unveiled its proposal for the Guest Hospital at a public consultation event at The Archives and Local History Centre, Tipton Road, this week.

The plan is for 118 homes for sale and 39 Dudley Council-owned properties. The site was put in the hands of the Home and Communities Agency seven years ago.

Mineshafts and limestone workings had caused delays. Plans will be submitted to Dudley Council soon.

REPAIRS

Vital ceiling work on town hall complete

A £55,000 scheme to carry out vital repairs on the ceiling of Dudley Town Hall has been completed and the venue is expected to reopen on Wednesday, April 22.

The hall, in St James's Road, had been forced to close for four months after loose plaster was discovered on the ceiling. Work has also taken place to reinforce the balcony ceiling.

A tea dance will relaunch the venue and future concerts include veteran comedian Ken Dodd.

COURT

Murder suspect appears in court

A MAN charged with the murder of a father who was found dead in a basement has appeared in crown court.

Stuart Millership, aged 32, of Beeches Road, Rowley Regis, was appearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing. However, no plea was entered as the case was put back for more information to be gathered. He will next be in court on May 29.

Millership is accused of murdering Baljit Singh. The 50-year-old was discovered at a house in Beeches Road on New Year's Day. Millership, who is being held in custody, was arrested in Kingswinford.

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Zoo boss retiring after suspension



Retires — Peter Suddock

THE chief executive of Dudley Zoo, who was suspended amid an investigation into his conduct, has stepped down from his job 'by mutual agreement'.

Peter Suddock has retired from the zoo after 22 years in the post. His retirement comes ten days after the zoo announced his suspension.

He had been suspended on full pay as an investigation was carried out into his conduct.

The zoo said the inquiry had concluded, and no further action was to be taken. The zoo, a registered charity, would not reveal what the investigation

was over. Charity Commission bosses said they did not have any grounds for concern about the charity.

Mr Suddock's wife Jill Hitchman, also recently left her post as head of media at the attraction.

In a statement, Mr Suddock said, that at the age of 68, 'it was time to retire'.

Zoo trustee and former Dudley Council leader Councillor David Sparks said: "I think after turning the zoo around it is sad he (Mr Suddock) should retire in such circumstances. No matter what happens, Dudley Zoo will go from strength to strength."

Mr Suddock oversaw the turnaround of the zoo. When he arrived it had just 150,000 visitors in one year. Now it attracts double that.

In a statement, Mr Suddock said: "I shall miss being part of a dedicated team and the daily pleasure of seeing some of the world's rarest species, and am immensely proud to have helped create a flourishing tourist attraction with a bright future."

"But at 68 it's time to retire, pursue other interests, and hand over the reins of this truly unique site to its next custodian."

Dealers caught as drugs found in flat and car

POLICE discovered a 'complex drug operation' after tracking down a man who was on the run, a court heard.

Anthony Williams, of Yarwell Close, Springfields, was hiding out at a flat in Abberley Court, Dudley, on February 12 when police knocked on the door.

Five grams of heroin, 3.35 grams of crack cocaine, as well as five grams of crack cocaine in 'wraps' was found, as well as 165 grams of cutting agent.

Electronic scales and a knife with traces of cocaine and heroin on them were found.

Mr Richard Franck, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that police had been looking for Williams over a different matter, which he is serving a four-year prison sentence for. After a 'short struggle' police handcuffed the 32-year-old, and when searching the flat discovered about £1,000 worth of heroin and crack cocaine.

Car

Mr Franck said during the search Liam Gray, aged 18, arrived home and while he accepted the drugs had been found at his flat he denied they were his.

Two days later police pulled over a car which Victoria Smith, aged 35, of High Street, Stourbridge, and Gray were travelling in.

Police found 13 wraps of crack cocaine and 28 of heroin, worth about £410, and the pair were arrested for possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply.

A further search of Gray's flat found another 1.5 grams of crack cocaine and half a gram of heroin. Mr Franck said it was a 'complex operation' with a substantial number of mixing agents and paraphernalia, and the pair were 'clearly street dealing' on February 14.

Judge Michael Challinor sentenced Williams to 18 months' jail for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, to be served consecutively with his current sentence.

Gray, now of Wednesfield Road, was sentenced to 18 months in a young offenders facility for possession with intent to supply, and six months to be served concurrently for allowing his premises to be used for the operation.

Smith was sentenced to 18 months' jail for possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply, suspended for 12 months.

Cheers — Beacon is best pub again



Managers Alex Marchant and Simon Massey behind the bar at the Beacon Hotel with their award

STAFF at a Sedgley pub are raising a glass in celebration after it was awarded a prestigious accolade for the seventh year in a row.

The Beacon Hotel, in Bilston Street, has been named Pub of the Year by the Dudley and South Staffordshire Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale.

It follows the group's regular scrutiny of pubs within the area which looks at a range of factors including atmosphere, service, customer welcome and beer quality.

Staff at the pub have now been presented with the award.

It is the seventh time the Beacon Hotel has received the accolade.

The other winner, for the South Staffs title, is village pub the Cat Inn, at Enville, another regular winner.

The Beacon Hotel will now go on to the national competition. It has previously won regional rounds but the national title has remained elusive — though that remains their ultimate aim.

General manager Alex Marchant said staff were delighted to have received the accolade for a seventh time.

"It is a wonderful achievement and we are extremely proud," she said. "The staff work extremely hard to maintain the pub's high standards and this shows we have been successful."

"A range of criteria has to be met to receive the award including the quality of the beer and the level of service."

Families are still waiting on promise of play area

RESIDENTS are still waiting to hear whether they will be getting new children's play facilities as part of a homes development at a former hospital site in Kingswinford.

The new play area was due to be installed by Dudley Council and funded with a £30,000 grant by Persimmon Homes, as part of plans for a 400-home development in Auckland Road, Kingswinford.

However, the families have been waiting for more than two years because it is claimed that the developer has been 'dragging its feet' over the grant.

The delays prompted the local ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley in February to threaten action against the homes builder if the finance was not forthcoming.

But, as yet, Dudley Council is still waiting for the money.

Monitoring

The nationwide homes builder has provided approximately 80 of the homes on the site and the play equipment was supposed to have included slides and swings.

In January, Duncan Shaw, technical director for Persimmon Homes South Midlands, explained that a delay was due to the council monitoring the situation on the site following problems with a water leak, which had been resolved.

He said the land would be transferred to Persimmon once the monitoring period had been completed and the play area would then be built.

Land transferred to homes project

A DEAL to transfer land earmarked for new council homes in Dudley has been completed, paving the way for work to start.

Former care home Arcal Lodge in Sedgley will be converted into eight bungalows and six apartments. Planning permission was granted for the scheme in February.

The site has been transferred to the council's housing department by adult social care bosses so work can begin.

Cabinet member for human resources, Councillor Rachel Harris said: "The property has been for sale on the open market for some time and the council has now decided to use Arcal Lodge as a new-build housing scheme."

It is part of plans to create around 350 new council homes over five years.

Fair fundraiser for Age Concern

A SPRING fair will raise money for an Age Concern branch in the Black Country.

The event on April 25 will support the Stourbridge and Halesowen branch. It takes place from 10.30am at The Elton Centre, St John's Road, Stourbridge.

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Deal aims to drive down the numbers of jobless

NEW figures have laid bare the challenging task ahead to tackle unemployment in a Sandwell ward recently awarded a slice of £5.6 million to drive down the numbers of jobless.

Figures show that Princes End, in Tipton, has the highest proportion of social rented properties in Sandwell at 42.6 per cent compared to the borough average of 27.4 per cent.

Under the City Deal initiative, a scheme will be set up in Princes End in Sandwell, as well as in Bilston East, in Wolverhampton; Darlaston South, in Walsall and Kates Hill, in Dudley.

The money is to tackle joblessness among 18 to 24-year-olds and help more residents gain skills and qualifications.

It will be distributed to organisations to set up training courses to give 2,800 disadvantaged families skills.

Jobseekers Allowance claims in Princes End in Tipton stand at eight per cent with 27.6 per cent of those aged 18 to 24 claiming the payment. About 41 per cent of residents have no qualifications compared to the Sandwell average of 35 per cent.

Darlaston South is the fifth most deprived ward in Walsall borough. It has 14,342 residents with 39.1 per cent of households in rented social housing.

The five-year Black Country pilot programme is being led by housing provider the Accord Group. Accord's City Deal project director Jack Lakin said: "We are inviting providers to propose innovative solutions to meet the needs of the local community."

Man seriously hurt during street fight

A MAN suffered serious head injuries after a Dudley street brawl.

Two groups of men clashed on Stourbridge Road outside the mini mart near the junction with Spring Parklands. Police said more than 10 men were involved in the fight at around 2.30pm on Saturday. A 41-year-old man was left with serious head injuries and was taken to hospital.

West Midlands Police believe some of those involved ran from the scene, while others got into vehicles.

The stretch of road where the violence took place was sealed off by police while a forensics search was carried out. Anyone who witnessed the fight or was in the area at the time is asked to contact 101.

Guided walks are part of festival

WALKING and history trails are being held in Dudley. Guided walks form the annual Dudley Walking Festival, which runs from Monday, concluding with the Dudley Trail on May 3. See www.dudley.gov.uk/himleyhall

£70k raised for tribute to Gulf fallen



An artist's impression of the memorial

A MEMORIAL will be set up in Staffordshire to troops who died in the Gulf War after £70,000 was raised by volunteers.

Among the 47 fallen were Shaun Taylor, of Stourbridge, and Kieran Duffy, from Kidderminster.

The statue will be unveiled in February 2016 at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, to mark the 25th anniversary of the war ending in 1991. Organisers were concerned the year-long conflict was often overlooked in remembrance events and deserved its own memorial.

Private Shaun Taylor, who served with the Staffordshire Regiment, was accidentally shot by a fellow soldier.

The tragedy happened as the 20-year-old's Warrior armoured vehicle, of which he was the driver, was about to go into action.

Section leader Corporal Darren Wilson, who was with him when he died, described him as the life and soul of his Warrior vehicle and a very professional soldier.

Former pupil at Oldswinford Hospital School, RAF pilot Flight Lieutenant Kieran Duffy, aged 24, from

Larches Road, Kidderminster, was killed instantly when his aircraft crashed in the Omani Desert in Saudi Arabia during a low-level training flight just before the war broke out.

He had been awarded a flying scholarship in 1982, qualified as a pilot while studying for his A-levels and joined the RAF in 1985.

Michael Rowley, who has helped run the memorial project, said the design was modern and simple but also distinctive. For more information on the appeal, visit www.gulfwarmemorial.co.uk

Work is starting at site of new glass museum

MORE than £2 million of funding has been secured to start work on Dudley borough's new glass museum.

The old Stuart Crystal site in Wordsley is being transformed into the visitor attraction which will celebrate the town's glass-making heritage.

The museum, which will have a modern glass front, will directly face the Red House Glass Cone. Work has now begun on site with the funding of £2.15m from the European Regional Development Fund due to be signed off this month.

The project is being delivered by Complex Development Projects in partnership with the British Glass Foundation and Dudley Council.

Managing director Ian Harrabin said contractors Croft Building and Conservation Limited were now carrying out work at the former factory site to stabilise the existing building and to remove fire damage from arson attacks over the years the factory was disused.

Mr Harrabin said: "This work is nearing completion and alterations to the structure of the building are also starting. A new roof should be fully built within the next four weeks. After 10 years of planning it is fair to say the restoration of the factory is now well underway."

Apartments

He said beams for the new roof were on order in preparation for their installation.

Alongside the new glass museum there will also be 11 offices and 18 loft apartments built on the site.

Mr Harrabin said work on all phases of the project were scheduled for completion towards the end of this year. The museum itself is expected to be open by 2016.

Mr Harrabin said: "It is a very exciting scheme and we are looking forward to it taking shape over the coming months."

It will create 23 jobs and it is hoped the new museum will bring in more than 500,000 visitors per year.

The new museum will be used to showcase the borough's glass treasures and give a history of the town's glass-making heritage through interactive displays.

Funding is also being provided by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership. The grant from the partnership is around £1.3m.

Preparatory work included an archaeological dig where the White House Glass Cone once stood.

Vision for light rail station in town



How the light rail station and innovation centre could look from the Black Country Living Museum

THIS is the latest vision for the first very light rail station in the Black Country.

The new image shows what the reopened Dudley railway station, rail service to Dudley Port and very light rail innovation centre will look like.

The scheme aims to revive a stretch of railway track that has lay dormant for more than 20 years by transforming it for use by the state-of-the-art light rail

trains, which would reconnect Dudley to the national rail network.

The £20 million project is part of a partnership between the council and Warwick Manufacturing Group, which is keen to use Dudley's disused rail lines to test new light rail technology.

That technology is a development of what is currently used on the Stourbridge Shuttle, known as the Parry People Mover and uses

flywheel energy storage. It could create around 45 jobs at the outset with possibly hundreds more in future.

Bids will be made to the Government's Regional Growth Fund and Europe to fund the creation of an innovation centre at the site of the old Dudley train station on council land at the bottom of Castle Hill. There will be two lines – one for testing new vehicles and the other for passengers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Back in time with TV star Warwick

ACTOR Warwick Davis will be seen enjoying a day out at the Black Country Living Museum with his family, following a visit last year.

The screen star, who appeared in Star Wars and Harry Potter films, as well as BBC comedy Life's Too Short, filmed a visit to the Tipton Road attraction for travel show Weekend Escapes, being screened by ITV 1 on Friday at 8pm. This episode features central England when the Davis clan step back in time to visit the museum in full Victorian costume and end up enlisting in the First World War.

New park gym is hit by vandals

A £56,000 outdoor gym at a park in Cosely has been hit by vandals less than a month after it opened.

The gym, officially opened at Clayton Park on March 21, features a variety of outdoor exercise machines and phone charging stations. Vandals have daubed graffiti over machines and broken the phone chargers. The gym, including cross-trainers and spinning bikes, was designed to encourage people to get fit. Ward councillor Clem Baugh said: "It is not nice to see facilities which were installed for everybody being treated in such a way."

Brewery brings back Bomber beer

THE latest Heritage Heroes beer from Holden's Brewery is dedicated to Baggies legend Bomber Brown.

Throughout its centenary year the Woodsetton brewery is producing favourite special ales from over the years. The 4.1 per cent strength Bomber Brown was created in honour of West Bromwich Albion's record goalscorer Tony Brown.

The family brewery in Sedgley Road West will be holding an open weekend on July 18 and 19 with guided tours.

Pub helps fund dream holiday for ill boy, 8

FOUR days of fundraising at a Stourbridge pub has raised £4,000 to help send an eight-year-old boy, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy, on a dream holiday.

The Hare and Hounds in Wollescote ran events, including a 12-hour charity darts match, during Easter to fund a holiday in America for James Wilde, of Halesowen, who wants to see monster trucks in action in the United States. Some of the funds will also be donated to Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Sale and choral concert

PEOPLE can enjoy two events being held at St Peter's Church in Upper Gornal this Saturday.

A bric-a-brac and book sale will take place from 10am to noon and then Cosely Male Voice Choir will be performing at 7.30pm. Tickets for the concert are £5 on the door.

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HEALTH experts in France are alarmed at a sudden increase in "the Anglo-Saxon phenomenon" of excessive boozing, street crime and unprotected sex." Welcome to the binge-drinking. Another triumph for British exports.

A DELEGATE at the National Union of Teachers' conference claimed new security rules aimed to prevent radicalism were turning teachers into spies. Or to put it another way, inviting teachers to be socially responsible. Would you want to be the teacher who, in the wake of a jihadist massacre in an English city, admitted that, yeah, you were always a bit suspicious about little Hamza in Year 12 but decided it was better to defend his right to privacy?

IT is all very well Transport Secretary Patrick McCoughlin suggesting traffic wardens should "take a more understanding attitude" and issue verbal warnings rather than fixed-penalty tickets. This sort of stuff sounds excellent in Whitehall committee rooms. In the real world, however, following the new guidelines, wardens would carry on dishing out tickets to little old ladies while giving kindly warnings to large gentlemen with tattoos.



WE take tweeters far too seriously. A few years ago, if anyone accused an actor as popular as Roger Moore of being a racist, the nation-

al media would make sure they checked the credentials of whoever was making such a serious allegation. Social media has changed all that. A bunch of tweeters with names like Wazzle444 and Anyanwarrior decide Sir Roger is a racist, based on an interview he gave to a French magazine, and are somehow regarded as serious sources when they could well be no more than children, drunks or members of what we used to call the green-ink brigade. Something about computers and the internet makes us treat tweeters seriously in a way we never treated old-fashioned poison-pen writers. And so the story takes off and one of Britain's most distinguished actors, with a fine record of charity and disaster-relief work, is forced on the defensive by anonymous nobodies who denounce him as "an old racist" and "an ignorant old fool." My own policy on encountering tweeters, trolls and suchlike is to regard them as 14-year-old bedwetters using their mums' computers, until proven otherwise.

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Robber in 'tug-of-war' for handbag

A PROLIFIC criminal has been warned he could be given an extended prison sentence after trying to snatch a woman's handbag.

Bon Wilkes struck as the 49-year-old victim was walking to a meeting at the Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Hall in Castle Hill, Dudley. She had a bag in either hand when the 28-year-old made a grab for the handbag at 8.30am on February 22, Wolver-

hampton Crown Court was told.

The woman was dragged into Trindle Road while a 'tug of war' developed between the pair, said Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting.

Wilkes warned he had a 'knife' and made stabbing motions with a knife sharpener he had been carrying without hitting her, it was said. The struggle was estimated to have lasted for around three minutes.

The prosecutor continued: "He was trying to cut the strap of the handbag but did not hit either it or her while tugging at her scarf and trying to pull her over. Other members of the public saw what was happening and intervened. He ran off but they gave chase and detained him."

Following the incident, the victim received treatment for cuts and bruises.

Wilkes, of Bean Road, Dudley, whose 48 previous offences included several robberies and one wounding with intent, admitted attempted theft and possessing a weapon.

He was remanded in custody until April 29 for a risk assessment to be completed. Judge Nicholas Webb told him: "I want the issue of dangerousness explored. You could be facing an extended sentence."

Terrifying ordeal of father in car-jacking

By Kimberley Crayton-Brown

A TEENAGER told a father he would 'pop his face off' with a gun, terrifying his young son and then stealing his car, a court heard.

Brad Arnold, aged 18, of Verdon Crescent, Kates Hill, was sentenced on charges including robbery at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week. He had already been convicted on four other charges.

Mr Richard Davenport, prosecuting, said that the victim had taken his son to Dudley Leisure Centre for a swimming lesson in June. On returning to his car with his son, a group of youths approached. Arnold, among them, showed him a bag he was carrying and told him: "It's a gun and I will pop your face off."

Weapon

Mr John Evans, defending, said while there was a threat, there was no evidence the weapon existed. Arnold 'is still growing up', he told the court, but had plans to start his own car washing business. Arnold pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in a young offenders facility for robbery, two counts of theft, one of driving a vehicle without consent of the owner, theft of phones and a satnav from a taxi.

Appearing with Arnold, Macauley Baddams, aged 18, of Baumbrook Close, Netherton, and Jordan Steinson, aged 19, of Norman Street, Dudley, were both sentenced to 12 month community orders and 150 hours unpaid work for being carried in a vehicle without consent of the owner and theft from the taxi.

Christopher Bill, aged 19, of Lister Road, Netherton, was sentenced to a community order with 12 months' supervision, a curfew, and has to attend a thinking skills programme, for driving without authority and theft from the taxi. Michael Bennett, aged 21, of St George's Road, Sledmere, was sentenced to five months' prison, suspended for 12 months, and 150 hours' unpaid work for being carried in a motor vehicle without consent of the owner and the theft from the taxi.

Museum's rare canal boat restored



Bob Downing on board the restored joey boat Birchills at the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton Road, Dudley

IT'S one of the last surviving boats of its kind and now it's been brought back to life with the help of donations.

Birchills — a rare Joey or 'day boat' — has been repaired and docked at the Black Country Living Museum.

It follows an appeal which raised £62,000 in donations to fund the specialist restoration work.

The boat was built in 1953 by Ernest Thomas of Walsall and worked from Walsall locks to nearby Birchills Power Station. It was one of the last wooden day boats to be built and is the only surviving example with a day cabin. A joey boat was horse-drawn and not normally lived on. These vessels were once the 'workhorses' of the Birmingham canal network which criss-crossed the city and the Black Country.

The boat's restoration has received an industry award after specialists were required to undertake a substantial programme of work, including the replacement of a rotten stern post and planking. Care was taken to preserve evidence of traditional construction techniques.

When the fundraising appeal was launched in 2012, Birchills was identified as the most important in the museum's collection of 16 boats.

The museum's David Eveleigh said: "We are very pleased to welcome back a newly-restored Birchills to the Black Country Living Museum. Thanks to those who donated we've been able to preserve an important part of the region's heritage for future generations. The boat is now on site for visitors to enjoy."

Bake it for St George's Day charity competition

MEMBERS of a voluntary group are dusting down their score cards and getting ready to shortlist entries in this year's Great Halesowen Bake-Off for St George's Day.

The Brierley Hill Inner Wheel, which is active in fundraising for local, national and international charities, will be shortlisting the entries in readiness for final judging by the Mayor of Dudley Margaret Aston.

Bakers of all ages are invited to enter and bring their entries to the marquee at Somers Square between 9am and 10.15am on Saturday, April 25. There are three categories: fruit cake, sponge cake and cupcake/muffin. The contest will be judged by Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Margaret Aston and Mayor's Consort Councillor Adam Aston, with entries sold in aid of the mayor's charities, Action Heart and Guide Dogs.

Shortlisting and judging will take place from 10.15am to approximately 11.45 am, with the winner being announced by the Mayor during the day's official opening on the main stage at around noon. The marquee will be closed off to entrants and members of the public during judging.

Councillor Aston said: "This will be the third time we've hosted a bake-off for St George's Day, and the quality and commitment of the bakers has increased year on year. I'm sure that this year will be no different."

"I'd like to encourage bakers to dust off their aprons and get mixing to help us raise money to help local people."

Extra support for young children

PARENTS are being encouraged to apply for government funding to help their three or four year old children get the best start.

Children of that age who attend a school nursery, day nursery, child-minder or pre-school in Dudley could be entitled to extra support.

Parents or carers who are in receipt of certain benefits, or who have children who have been in care or left care through adoption or child arrangement orders, may be eligible.

Tony Oakman, Dudley Council's strategic director for people, said: "I would encourage parents who think they are eligible to apply for the government funding."

For more information call 01384 814291 or email EYPP@dudley.gov.uk

Firm makes fourth donation to the zoo

DOZENS of bins, tools and stationery have been donated to Dudley Zoo by a Staffordshire business. It is the fourth time bosses at Lichfield's Newell Rubberman have made a donation to the attraction. Assistant curator Richard Brown said the zoo was grateful.

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School heading in right direction

A TROUBLED school has been told it is progressing towards leaving special measures. Hurst Hill Primary School in Coseley entered special measures last summer after it was graded as inadequate by Ofsted.

But inspectors said they have witnessed improvements after returning to see what progress had been made.

In a report, Ofsted said standards were rising across the school but that there was still more work to be done to improve writing skills. It also said the appointment of new teachers had boosted the quality of teaching.

Community hub plan for church

AMBITIOUS plans to expand a Cradley church and transform it into a community hub have been given the green light.

Providence Methodist Church will now create a new entrance at the building, in Colley Orchard, including an entrance ramp. A 19th century former Sunday school building will be brought back into use and flats will be created on disused land.

Dudley Council approved the scheme subject to conditions including a scheme protecting residents in the proposed flats from noise.

Pub closes during a major revamp

A PUB in Dudley has closed for a revamp.

The Bramford Arms will reopen on April 29 after improvements that include a new layout in the restaurant area, with booths fitted with their own TVs, new carpets and furniture.

Manager Alex Lacey said: "The pub has been in need of a bit of a refresh and this makeover will be just the job. There are a lot of improvements being made but we are hoping to keep the disruption to a minimum."

Fresh boating season gets under way 'on cut'

DOZENS of canal boats descended on Tipton for a community day and real ale festival.

It was organised by Friends of Tipton Cut who welcomed visitors to the John the Lock moorings and the Fountain Inn.

The event heralded the start of this year's boating season allowing owners to catch up with friends and celebrate Tipton's canal heritage.

For further information email ann.ontheut@virginmedia.com

Play set to conquer

OLIVER Goldsmith's classic 240-year-old comedy play *She Stoops to Conquer* will be performed by Dudley Little Theatre next month.

The show will be staged at Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road, from May 13 to 16. Tickets are £7, concessions £6.

Wall of glass postcards to go on display at festival

A WALL made from more than 180 glass postcards will be a centrepiece of a festival in the Black Country.

The artwork will be displayed at the 2015 International Festival of Glass in Stourbridge next month.

Members of the Contemporary Glass Society have created the pieces to celebrate both the festival itself and pay tribute to the old-fashioned picture postcard.

Keeping faithful to the idea of sharing a message or story with the recipient each piece tells a tale in the space of just 10cm x 15cm.

Each postcard in the exhibition will go on sale with prices ranging from £50 to £150.

The exhibition runs from May 29 to June 28. Admission to the exhibition is free, with the exception of May 28 to 31 when the Ruskin Glass Centre charges an admission fee.

Wish You Were Here is among scores of exhibitions, workshops and events taking place in Stourbridge's historic glass quarter.

Other exhibitions include pieces from renowned international glass artists, installations and even celebrity doodles turned into glass.

Victoria Scholes, former chairman of Contemporary Glass Society, said: "Postcards have a long and fascinating history. This deceptively simple form of communication is more than just words and pictures. It delivers a glimpse of another life, a renewed friendship, a shared joke with a specially chosen image that all say so much with so little."

Fire on the move in refuse truck

RUBBISH in the back of a refuse lorry caught fire, forcing the crew to evacuate the vehicle.

Refuse collectors from Biffa had just finished picking up rubbish from flats at The Stewpony, off the A458 Bridgnorth Road in Stourton, when they noticed smoke coming from the back of the lorry.

Firefighters from Brierley Hill and Kinver were called.

A small section of the refuse was found to have caught fire.

The rubbish was removed from the vehicle and placed in the road so fire crews could douse the pile with water.

No-one was hurt in the fire and only minor damage caused to the vehicle on Thursday morning. The cause is unknown.

New courses could mean lives saved

COURSES by St John Ambulance that give people the basic life-saving skills are being held in Dudley next month. Call 0121 237 3879, email west-mids-training@sja.org.uk or visit www.sja.org.uk website.

Burglar is jailed after woman's ordeal

A FORMER elite athlete who subjected a pregnant mother to a terrifying daytime burglary in her Dudley home has been jailed for four years.

Dwayne Blackstock was penniless and living in his car when he launched a series of desperate raids on January 12, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 26-year-old tried to break into four homes in Cardoness Place, Dudley, without success before finally gaining entry to a young woman's house at around 12.30pm.

The court was told that the victim - who was three months pregnant and with her five-month-old baby daughter - was woken in her bedroom by a masked Blackstock who demanded cash and jewellery.

Miss Joanne Barker, prosecuting, said Blackstock

also ordered the woman to raise her top and took a photograph of her during the 10-minute ordeal, before making off with a Blackberry phone and a bag.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told Blackstock: "She believed that you were going to rape her. She was humiliated and resorted to begging you not to harm her or her children. She suffered medically during her pregnancy and now no longer feels safe in her own home."

The court heard that Blackstock had been a national-standard sprinter as a teenager, before a conviction for rape in 2004 for which he served five-and-a-half years in prison.

Mr Richard Franck, defending, said Blackstock also had previous convictions for fraud and robbery,

which meant he had struggled to get a job. On the day of the burglary he needed money to get to a social services assessment in Acocks Green.

Blackstock and his partner were trying to prove that they were fit parents for their young child, said Mr Franck. "He had no money and no abode. He was absolutely desperate. He knew that if he didn't attend Acocks Green he would lose his child."

Mr Franck added that Blackstock had asked his victim to lift her top to see if she was wearing a gold chain. "There was no sexual intention whatsoever," he said.

Blackstock, of Bearwood Road, Bearwood, admitted four counts of attempted burglary and one count of burglary.

Penpal to terrorists 'has learned his lesson'

THE son of a former mosque leader was given a nine month jail sentence after being in regular correspondence with some of the world's most notorious terrorists. But he was immediately freed because of time spent in custody waiting for the case to be resolved.

Unemployed Usman Choudhary also had an image of a man holding up a decapitated head on his mobile phone and de-faced images of the Queen, the court had heard.

Detectives found more than 500 letters sent to and written by the 34-year-old when they raided his home in Kates Hill. The list read like a Who's Who of murderers and hard-line clerics held behind bars in the UK and US, including the killers of Lee Rigby and radical Muslim cleric Abu Hamza.

Choudhary had carefully filed and indexed all the correspondence, along with details of £14,000 of cash gifts sent by him to some of the inmates. It is unclear where the money came from.

His father Ghulam, ex-chairman of Dudley Central Mosque, said: "Naturally this has been a terrible time for me as a parent and I am glad it is now all over."

In December 2013 police raided the Terry Street home of his son who had sent a copy of a book that encouraged the waging of holy war to a prisoner in a British jail who had converted to Islam and was allegedly being radicalised. It had been requested by the inmate and was intercepted by the prison authorities before he was able to look at it.

Obsession

Choudhary was held in custody for nine months before being released on bail pending completion of the case that ended at Kingston-upon-Thames Crown Court last week when he admitted in sending the book he acted recklessly in a way that could have indirectly encouraged an act of terrorism.

Miss Alison Morgan, prosecuting, said that Choudhary had an 'obsession' with violent jihad.

"This led to his association with those convicted of very serious terrorist offences," she said. "He had a prolific correspondence with prisoners. Hundreds of letters and copies were discovered at his home address in December 2013 showing the extent of the correspondence."

"It was either with those convicted of terrorist offences or individuals recently converted to Islam and introduced to Choudhary by others. He had close contact with those convicted of the most serious terrorist offences such as the planned bombing



Unemployed Usman Choudhary wrote to terrorists



Correspondent - jailed hate preacher Abu Hamza

of trans-Atlantic airliners and the murderers of Lee Rigby. They felt confident in expressing their extreme anti-western views to Mr Choudhary. He was offering services and support, sending money, clothes and reading material."

Choudhary had an image of a beheaded man on his mobile phone, the court was told. There was also footage praising Osama Bin Laden and Choudhary had de-faced the Queen's head and the crown displayed on stamps.

There were 75 prisoners on the list of correspondents, 61 of whom were serving time for terrorist offences. They included Michael Abedolajo, given a whole life term for murdering soldier Lee Rigby; infamous preacher Abu Hamza, recently found guilty of supporting terrorism by a court in New York; and another 'penpal' was Roshonara Choudhry jailed for life after stabbing Labour MP Stephen Timms.

Mr Daniel Friedman, defending, described it as being 'at the least end of the spectrum of offending'. Choudhary admitted disseminating a terrorist publication. He denied two more serious terrorist offences and the judge acquitted him on both these.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Just let teachers do their actual job

THE National Union of Teachers wants to make it compulsory for all schools 'to portray gay and lesbian relationships in a positive light'. Their counterparts in the NAS/UWT want to ban energy drinks in schools, branding them as 'legal highs'. Wouldn't want to over egg the pudding, would we?

Then we come to the school in Yorkshire which banned packed lunches because it couldn't control what children were eating.

Yet despite this, these same teaching unions continue to tell us how over-worked their members are.

Well, maybe if teachers were not asked to perform so many of these irrelevant extracurricular activities, they would have more time to focus on the actual teaching side of the profession. How about they leave the Lucozade, lunch boxes and sex chat to others, and just focus on reading, writing and arithmetic? It will never happen, of course, but it might mean that Britain would stop sliding down the international league tables. And the teachers might have a less onerous job to do.

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AND on the subject of the nanny state, why does one need to enter one's date of birth before accessing websites about beer and wine on the internet. Do they now believe that reading about beer can be harmful to your health, some kind of passive drinking, perhaps? I don't suppose it crossed anybody's mind that the average 16-year-old who wants to read about Foster's lager might be sufficiently cunning to enter a false date of birth?

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TONY Blair says he has no plans to retire from public life, and fully expects to still be working at the age of 91, like former Israeli president Shimon Perez.

Music to the ears of us all, wouldn't you agree? Another 29 years of the silver-haired colossus strutting the world stage like a rock star of the political and diplomatic sphere.

More than that, the former prime minister wants to create a "cadre" of battle-hardened former leaders to advise governments around the world, a sort of Brains Trust of international statesmen. Who knows, we could have George W Bush providing the benefit of his experience in international diplomacy, Silvio Berlusconi offering tips on how to retain dignity in office. What's not to like?

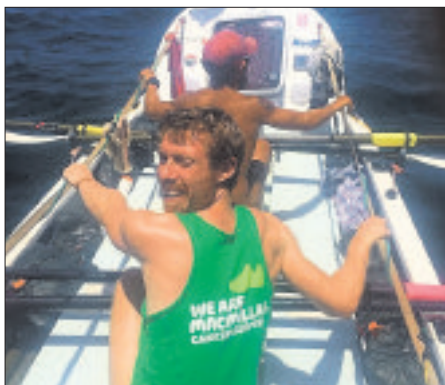
But Tony, I'm worried you might be stretching yourself too thinly. We all admire your indefatigability, and sense of public service, but really you have done enough. You left us a legacy of never-ending prosperity, brought peace to the Middle East, and shunned material gain and personal vanity, and we're all very grateful. But you deserve a break, a bit of 'me' time. Trust me, the public will understand.



Sam Greatrex with ex-world cycling champion Hugh Porter



Sam and his crew during the record-breaking challenge



Cancer survivor Sam during his rowing challenge

Oars well that ends well as Sam laps it up

A cancer survivor was part of a team that broke a rowing record during an epic challenge.
HEATHER LARGE reports

CANCER survivor Sam Greatrex has rowed his way into the record books during an epic charity challenge.

Sam, from Halesowen, was among a team of adventurers who recorded the fastest-ever Atlantic Ocean row – smashing three world records in the process.

The five-strong team completed the 3,800 nautical-mile journey in 51 days, beating the previous record by 20 days.

The 30-year-old, from Manor Way, organised the row as part of a series of challenges, called Lap the World, in a bid to raise £240,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The ocean row was the second phase of the challenge following a 1,700-mile cycle through Southern France, Spain and to the western edge of Europe at Lagos, in Portugal.

From there the ocean row crew set out on its epic journey to Venezuela living on a diet of dehydrated meals, chocolate bars and beef jerky.

Tiredness

But Sam said it was the parts of the journey which they could not prepare for which had been the worst.

"I don't want to be crude about it but one of the hardest parts of the journey was the sores which we all had on our backsides," he said.

"There was still 2,000 miles to go and it was very uncomfortable and difficult to row. Out of everything, even the muscular pain and tiredness, I think the sores were the worst."

Sam said he had been focusing on getting ready for the rowing part of the challenge as he knew it would be the most physically demanding. "With the cycling you can stop by the roadside, take a break or even stop for a quick sleep," he said.

"In the boat that was not possible. We had



Sam Greatrex pictured with the boat used during the epic fundraiser

rowing shifts of two hours followed by a couple of hours rest and then back to the rowing. You have to keep going.

"It was very challenging for all of us but well worth it. To smash the records was just the icing on the cake and I am extremely proud of the achievement."

The crew also included Ralph Tuijn, Tara Adams, Nick Sen and Jim Alsford. The team spent the challenge in a 28ft boat, shared every meal and rowed for 12 hours a day.

Alongside being the fastest rowers, the team have also made the Guinness Book of World Records as Tara is the first female to row from mainland Europe to mainland South America and Nick is the youngest person to row this particular route.

But their success was nearly sunk after a member of the team was forced to pull out at the last-minute.

It was only a quick reply from experienced ocean rower Ralph Tuijn agreeing to take part

which saved the challenge. Sam said: "The crew member who pulled out was our experienced member so we had to find someone quickly."

"We could not have asked for better than Ralph. He was absolutely brilliant."

Macmillan Cancer Support is a deeply personal cause for the intrepid fundraiser who, at the age of 10, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

He underwent successful chemotherapy at Birmingham Children's Hospital and was helped through his treatment and recovery by Macmillan nurse Moira Bradwell.

Sam said she had been 'an inspiration' and he had continued to see her regularly for check-ups for the next 17 years.

And while Moira has now retired, they still keep in contact up to the present day.

He said: "After the initial treatment, I was fortunate my cancer treatment was working and was in remission. Moira was there for me

for many years after the diagnosis and it was brilliant to be able to talk to her. She was really inspirational.

"Moira has retired now but we still keep in contact and chat every so often. That is why I wanted to do something like this to raise funds for the charity. It is an opportunity to give something back."

He has spent the last three years preparing for the charity challenge – getting himself to the peak of fitness with a gruelling fitness regime including bike rides on the Clent Hills to improve his physical fitness and stamina.

He is now back in Halesowen preparing for the next phase of the challenge. He will be cycling from the East Coast to the West Coast of South America.

The journey of around 2,500 miles will take him through the Amazon to the Andes Mountains and a climb to 4,000m altitude and he is due to set off in around eight weeks.

Records

At the moment he is working for Macmillan in London as part of the charity's fundraising team, splitting his time between the capital and his home town.

"By breaking three world records we've achieved something great, and I hope to continue raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, it just might be on land, rather than sea," he said.

Sam, who is single, said his parents, Sue and Barry, had been hugely supportive of his fundraising efforts.

"Everyone has been absolutely brilliant and I want to thank everyone for their support."

Sam said following his treatment his cancer had gone into remission.

He added although he had been preparing for the challenge for three years he had first come up with the idea five years ago.

The challenge started out in Paris as French authorities prohibit any rowing or kayaking across the English Channel, but after leaving Birmingham the team cycled down to the south coast via London.

He said if £240,000 could be raised it would be enough to build a new chemotherapy suite in a hospital.

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Town prides itself on harmonious relations

THE revelations of the former Tory candidate for Dudley North foolishly trying to negotiate with and invite the racist EDL back to Dudley were truly shocking.

They stand in complete opposition to the vast majority of residents in Dudley that did not want the EDL to come and disrupt the town. Over 100 representatives of different faith groups, trade unions and political parties in Dudley all signed the 'Unity Statement' calling upon the EDL to keep their racist violence out of Dudley. Over 300 local residents attended a Unity rally organised by Unite Against Fascism, including members of Dudley Central Mosque. Dudley is a multi-cultural town that prides itself on having harmonious community relations.

The most recent person to be given freedom of the Borough is Lenny Henry, which symbolically shows that racist organisations are not welcome in Dudley. We believe that all faiths have a right to worship and to a place to carry that out. Politicians should not use Dudley, nor the desire for one section of Dudley's Muslim community to have a new place of worship, to be used to divide us.

Cathy Bayton, President of Dudley Trades Council
Tony Barnsley, Love Music Hate Racism in Dudley
Jerry Langford, Dudley Unite Against Fascism
Martin Lynch, Dudley National Union of Teachers
Will Duckworth, Green Party Candidate for Dudley North
Paul Singh, Dudley Sikhs Against the EDL

Healthier people in tough times

MY two brothers, our sister and myself were born just before or during World War Two. We had no hot water on tap and the toilet was 'up the garden'.

One of us had asthma as a child and we had the usual mumps and measles. Two of us had scarlet fever, but that was it health wise.

We played outside, getting dirty and eating our food without washing our hands. We had to take turns at cleaning out the fireplace, black leading the fireplace, brass cleaning the taps, etc.

Our weekly bath was in the tin bath in front of the coal fire. We also helped our granny and an elderly aunt to 'podge' rugs - no fitted carpets.

All of us are still alive and into our 70s. We all have grandchildren, some of whom have been affected by modern illnesses.

In my case, two of my grandchildren are affected by nut allergies.

Progress of modern living?

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Stourbridge gets all the attention

I READ again that Stourbridge is in for another load of funding - £3m from the Heritage Lottery and the Big Lottery combined for Mary Stevens Park.

It was a different story six years ago when Cosely Baths needed funding. Living in the same street and attending the baths on a regular basis, we knew how it had been neglected for years. When the death knell was sounded for the baths an alleged £2m was needed, for my part Dudley Council couldn't wait to demolish it.

So I would like to know why Stourbridge, under the control of the Dudley Council, as is Cosely, always seem to be getting the lion's share of any funding. The Crystal Leisure Centre has

had enough funding, now it's Mary Stevens Park.

Last year Cosely playing fields, directly behind where the baths stood, had about one third of its footpath resurfaced, the other two thirds left with pot holes. After complaining to my MP and receiving a copy of a letter off Dudley Council, some pot holes were filled. What a waste of time, now that has been dug up and gym equipment installed.

Yes, Dudley Council took our well used community asset off us and now they can't even replace or resurface a whole footpath but they can get £3m worth of funding for a park in Stourbridge.

P A JORDAN
Cosely

Plinth now a fast food eating area

HOW very thoughtful of the planners of the market place in Dudley to have placed the Duncan Edwards statue on a very large plinth.

So convenient for crowds to sit and eat their fast food, obtainable from the many outlets in the surrounding area, whilst overlooking the castle.

Let's hope they provide plenty of bins for the wrappings of such food to be placed in.

Still on the subject of the market place has anyone else noticed the number of stalls which are not taken?

People don't seem to be rushing to Dudley to sell their wares but it is early days and maybe eventually there will be some clamouring for space.

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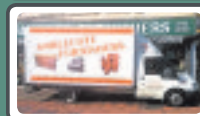


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Lowdown on murder cases

Black Country Society - Kingswinford

THE meeting on March 18 was opened at 7.45pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Kingswinford.

The chairman welcomed Ian Bott, a long standing society member, who has given a variety of talks to this group over the years. He comes from Wednesbury and has written six books and now working on his seventh.

His talk was 'Black Country Murders'. He outlined seven very gruesome murder cases, mostly domestic, ranging from suffocation, slit throats and shootings. Slides relating to the happenings were interesting as many illustrations had been taken from old books.

Ian was thanked for his fascinating talk delivered in light-hearted style.

At the May 20 meeting will be another ex-president, Roy Peacock with 'War Memories Centenary'. Talks are open to members and non-members with a charge to cover expenses of £1 and £1.50 respectively.

Queens speech given by guest

MyTime Over Fifties

MARCH'S meeting commenced with a talk by Patricia Boyd entitled Victoria and Elizabeth Jubilee.

The talk began with a brief look at the kings and queens that have reigned over us. Of them all only George III, Victoria and Elizabeth II have had diamond jubilees, although George's was not celebrated due to ill health. Ms Boyd discussed the similarities and differences between the two queens accompanied by some interesting photographs.

MyTime Over Fifties meets on the third Wednesday in the month in the Amblecote Room at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm. The next meeting is on April 22 when Nigel Metcalfe will be talking about the men who mapped the Arctic.

Newcomers are welcome to join for interesting speakers, afternoon tea and chat.

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Members taken behind scenes of hit BBC show

Wolverhampton Women's Luncheon Club

THERE were 65 members present at the March Luncheon meeting at The Lindens, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, as well as six guests and the speaker.

The chairman welcomed everyone on a lovely sunny day. She then said Grace. The menu was pate maison, cod loin with emony potatoes and sherry trifle, followed by tea or coffee and mints.

After the meal, the chairman mentioned that there were two new members present, Mrs Deborah Williams and Mrs Jean Beard, as well as an old member, Mrs White who had re-joined the club and also several guests who she hoped would also become members.

She asked members to sign the papers on the tables if they wanted to go to the tree planting ceremony at the National Memorial Arboretum on April 22.

The chairman introduced the speaker, Richard Buttress who works at Wightwick Manor as a volunteer guide and his talk was entitled "Behind the Scenes at the BBC's Antiques Road Show at Wightwick Manor".

Richard began his talk by thanking the club for a lovely lunch. He said he supported the Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group and he donates his fee to this. On the day the BBC presented the show he was asked to act as a security guard to prevent the public from entering any of the rooms where the antiques were kept.

He explained that the BBC have a large media team and that Wightwick Manor has been used by Countryfile and Flog It.

There are a lot of requirements which have to be fulfilled.

About eight weeks before the show was filmed, teams came to



Speaker Richard Buttress

see about car parking facilities, design and technical issues, make up areas, catering etc and a week before the BBC contacted people who were bringing large objects in for valuation and information to make sure everything was in place.

The recording takes place on a Thursday and the day before large lorries arrived with tables, chairs and umbrellas and placed them in pre-selected spots on the terraces and lawns.

A mobile control room was set up with two miles of cabling being used. Fiona Bruce arrived the day before the recording and on the day the public queued from 8am.

At the end of his talk Richard invited questions and then Suzanne Morgan gave the vote of thanks. The chairman thanked Richard, the raffle was held and there were three prizes of Easter gifts.

The chairman wished everyone a Happy Easter and a safe journey.

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What really goes on in the election trail



DANIEL WAINWRIGHT
Political Editor

THE Tories warned there could be a charge of £20 for passes to attend their election events.

I thought 'that's one way to get the deficit down'.

The fee would apply to any of us lowly hacks and photographers who failed to apply before March 27.

They wanted to know everything from our home addresses to our passport and driving licence numbers. I would not have been surprised if they'd wanted my inside leg measurement too but mercifully I was spared that indignity. This is just one example of how this General Election is being rigorously stage-managed.

Separated

When Ed Miliband and some of the shadow cabinet came to Jaguar Land Rover's engine plant, we wicked Press were kept penned inside a glass room and separated from the dignitaries who had come to hear them speak until the speech itself.

There was an excuse about health and safety and we were told to stay in an office and watch as the business leaders mingled. When George Osborne came to the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley, it all came across as a wonderfully jolly encounter but as soon as we arrived we were herded into a side room, the door closed behind us and we were kept out of the way until he was ready for us.

We couldn't talk to the would-be MPs, nor could we mingle with the



Eddy Izzard in Halesowen



Nigel Farage campaigning



George Osborne at Wordsley



Jeremy Hunt at Cannock

public. The convenient effect of this is that were the Chancellor to be greeted by an angry voter who wanted to speak his or her mind, we would be none the wiser. Even the celebrity backers are carefully marshalled. Eddie Izzard's appearance in Halesowen was greeted by a group of placard-waving Labour supporters who flanked him as he walked down the high street in his stiletto heels. He probably met just a handful of floating voters.

What we don't get anywhere near enough of is the big name politicians out on the streets doing a walkabout. They are shuttled about and have only the flimsiest grasp of where in the country they even are. The low light of this second week of campaigning came from the health secretary,

Jeremy Hunt. He was in Staffordshire to meet with bosses at Cannock Chase Hospital.

My photographer was allowed to go along but I was told I had to wait for a phone call from the minister. When his call did finally come, I was told he would answer just two questions.

Patrick McLoughlin, the former miner turned Tory secretary of state was exactly the same. Nigel Farage, too, for all his many controversial statements, comes across as a 'what you see is what you get' type.

As the Bard said, 'all the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players'. The politicians are taking their cues and they're rehearsing their lines. We voters are the ones who are being played.

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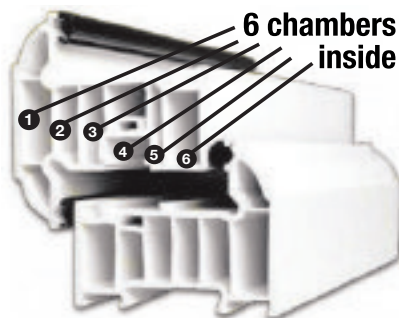
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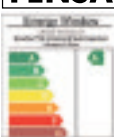
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Friend reunited thanks to charity's tea outing



Back together — friends Marie Walker, left, and Jan Wynn who met again after more than 50 years at a cancer support outing

TWO friends who last saw each other almost 60 years ago have been reunited thanks to a Dudley charity.

Marie Walker and Jan Wynn both attended Dudley Technical College to do a secretarial course back in 1957.

After losing touch in the years that followed, the pair met up again by chance when they both attended a day trip organised by White House Cancer Support.

Both had put their names down for afternoon tea at the Chase Hotel in Ross-on-Wye, a trip organised for carers and patients.

"Over the years I've always gone past the street where Marie used to live and wondered what had happened to her," said Mrs Wynn. "Now, through the White House, I've had the chance to find out."

Mrs Wynn, now 74, decided to pursue a career as a teacher after she left college, later working at Alder Coppice Primary School in Sedgley.

She lives in Upper Gornal with her 83-year-old husband Al, and has been attending sessions at the White House after being diagnosed with breast cancer 18 months ago.

"I come here for relaxation on a Monday and also attend the Breast

Care Group," she said. "It is a great place and they have been really supportive."

Mrs Walker, who went on the trip as a carer, had been diagnosed with a form of skin cancer previously for which she has now been successfully treated.

"The White House does a really good job and helps people when they really need it," said Mrs Walker, 73, from Bunns Lane, Dudley.

Mrs Walker went onto work as a secretary for Associated Deliveries in Birmingham and later for the family steeplejack firm. The friends now plans to stay in touch in the future.

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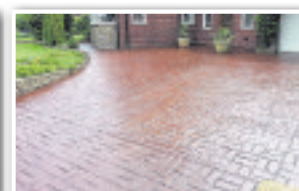
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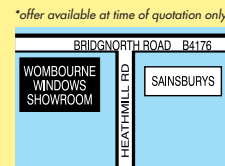
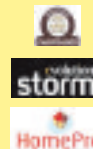
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I'm going out in style, says mother with cancer

DESPITE having only months to live, mother-of-three Maxine Smith is determined to make the most of the time she has left by taking part in a skydive.

She reels off the types of cancer she has suffered as if reading from a shopping list. There is barely a part of her body that has not been touched by the illness.

She has been told that her condition is terminal and that she has just six months to live.

"It was a bit heart-breaking," said the 46-year-old, of Red Lion Close, Tividale, of being told the news. "I was sitting thinking I have got three children who I am never going to see grow up, get married and go to high school."

It seems a world away for Maxine, but there was a time when she didn't have cancer, when she was starting a family with husband Rob and looking ahead to life's possibilities.

"I was the healthiest bunny, I never thought I would get it," said Maxine, who is mother to daughter Hannah-Paige, 10, and eight-year-old twin sons Daniel and Alex.

"I found a lump, it kept reappearing and disappearing. My mum asked me to get checked. She had suffered with cancer three or four years before. Then I found out I had grade two breast cancer."

That was in 2010 and an extremely turbulent five years were to follow. After the trauma of undergoing a double mastectomy, a breast reconstruction allowed her to regain some confidence. But two years later, Maxine was told that they too would have to be removed as the cancer had returned. The year in between she was diagnosed with skin cancer.

"Then my head wasn't right," Maxine said. "So I was given a CT scan. I need to start radiotherapy on my brain in a week. I need 12 to 13 sessions and hopefully it may help but my life expectancy has decreased to six months."



Maxine Smith, 46, from Tividale has been told she has six months to live

"In a nutshell, I've had breast cancer, lung cancer, skin cancer, bone cancer and brain cancer. In the last five years they have all cropped up."

She is also able to raise a smile, crack a joke and is determined to enjoy her final few months. She has taken to wearing bright colours and odd socks and is preparing for a skydive.

Maxine admitted that there have been dark times but says she has accepted her fate.

"I thought about suicide but I had to think about my children and try and get through it for them. When I was told I hadn't got long left I just

thought 'I'm going to embrace it' and become this crazy lady.

"I have always wanted to skydive but it's something I've never done because I'm scared of heights. But when I came out of that meeting, I thought 'that's it, I'm skydiving'."

Maxine says the thrill of the skydive has given her something to look forward to and focus on. "I am just taking each day as it comes," she said.

The skydive is expected to take place in the summer. Maxine has managed to convince a few brave friends to join her, while the generosity of fundraisers means it has already been paid for.



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John Millar, acting strategic director for economy, environment and housing, said: "This award is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of all of the staff involved. We are fortunate to have some very talented planners and regeneration officers who have helped bring the council's vision for Dudley into a reality."

Castle friends meeting date

THE Friends of Dudley Castle will be holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, April 23.

It will be taking place in the Chapel Undercroft in the castle in the grounds of Dudley Zoo at 7.30pm with entry via the Fellows Gate.

The group was set up in 1989 to promote the historic building.

The first castle was built on the hill in 1070 and much of the present day castle dates from the 16th Century.

FOCUS ON DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE

Stamp of approval given to plans for old post office

A LANDMARK former post office in Dudley town centre is up for sale in a move taking it a step closer to being transformed into apartments.

The four-storey Edwardian building, on the corner of Wolverhampton Street and Priory Street, is earmarked for homes after plans were approved last year. The freehold is now being advertised for sale by Colliers International. No price has been listed for the property.

The Grade II listed building, which was constructed in 1909, ceased operating as a post office in 1986.

It was last used as a nightclub called Nulla Nulla a decade ago but has since been empty.

Welcomed

In September planning permission was granted to turn the building into 21 apartments.

The scheme was welcomed by councillors who said more homes in the town centre would help boost shops.

Councillor Ken Finch said finding a new use for the century-old building had been among his top priorities and he was hopeful the development could go ahead as planned.

He said: "I remember when it used to be a thriving post office but it has

been derelict for a number of years.

"What we're hoping to do now is turn it into some apartments so we can get people living in that particular area.

"We have seen a nice building going to waste for years and now hopefully we have got somebody interested in developing it.

"They would have to do it up so it would be good for the town centre and people who need one-bedroom apartments."

The former Dudley post office is advertised as a 'landmark building' on the Colliers website.

It says the property has recently been completely stripped out and cleared, having been vacant for a decade. Repairs have been made to the roof of the building after lead was stolen, causing rain damage.

By Richard Guttridge



Flipping marvellous — Sea lion Oba at Dudley Zoo doing a trick for keeper Nicky Dancy

Sea lion is a roaring success

A WEEK after being lowered into his new home at Dudley Zoo, this 37-stone sea lion is already one of the site's main attractions.

Visitors have been flocking to see Oba and he has been revelling in all the attention. His healthy appetite has seen him feast upon more than 12,000 sprat with zoo staff lining up buckets of the fish at feeding time.

Easter holiday crowds have been gathering round the enclosure at meal times to see Oba roar with approval as the sprats are tossed his way. He has also delighted his audience with his trademark trick of doing a 'handstand'.

He is expected to be nearer the 40-stone mark in time by the time breeding season comes around, meaning he has to get through 14 kg of food every day. The 14-year-old has swapped the French Riviera for the Black Country and joins fellow new arrival Daisy.

Glass floor feature at restaurant

A NEW restaurant will open in Dudley's former Carvers Cafe in July, creating up to 20 jobs.

The Old Glasshouse in Priory Street in Dudley town centre is currently being fitted out.

The building, which runs along one side of Stone Street Square, was also Dudley's first fire station and is on the site of the town's Flint Glass Works dating from 1770.

The new restaurant will be opposite the town centre landmark pub The Saracen's Head which is being converted into a sport bar/pub by Amber Taverns creating 20 new jobs.

The old work beneath Stone Street Square will be exposed with lighting and viewable through a glass floor in the Old Glasshouse.

The owner is Craig Willis and it will be managed by Shakeel Zafar.

Be daft with comic Milton

COMEDIAN Milton Jones will bring his next show to Dudley later in the year.

The comic, famed for his loud shirts and messed-up hair, will take to the stage at Dudley Town Hall on October 2. It will be part of his latest tour called The Temple of Daft.

The show will begin at 8pm and tickets are priced £24. The performance is expected to be a sell-out.

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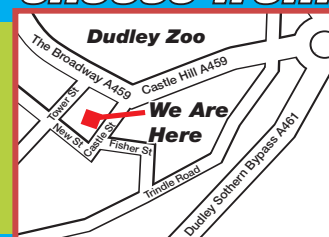
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No regrets, says IDS, over 'bedroom tax'



Former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith campaigning in Netherton with Dudley South candidate Mike Wood

IAIN Duncan Smith does not even pause when he is asked if he has any regrets over the so-called 'bedroom tax'.

"No. Not at all." The work and pensions secretary stands out from the crowd in the blazing sunshine of Netherton, wearing a long, wool overcoat. He led the Conservatives for less than two years during the then unshakeable popularity of Tony Blair. Now he is trying to convince people to stick with the Tories in Dudley South, a key marginal seat.

Mr Duncan Smith has presided over some of the most difficult decisions of the coalition government, in terms of cutting the welfare bill. The Tories imposed a cut in housing benefit for council and social housing tenants who have one or more 'spare' bedrooms. The Conservatives call it the removal of the 'spare room subsidy'.

Mr Duncan Smith says it has saved £1 billion on the benefits bill. Others say it has driven people to despair and even suicide. But asked if he had any regrets about the change Mr Duncan Smith says: "No. Not at all. What I faced when I walked through the door was a housing benefits bill that had doubled over the last 10 years of the Labour government. It was set to rise by £6 billion.

"Let's get that in context. It was money that taxpayers have to pay all the time. Part of it was poor use of housing, some people living in homes they weren't occupying all of and others living in overcrowded accommodation.

"Labour introduced this policy themselves. They introduced it for people in the private rented sector who were social tenants. We've simply extended it."

In Dudley South the incumbent MP Chris Kelly stood down after one term. Now Pedmore and Stourbridge East councillor Mike Wood will try to hold it. Also standing are Labour's Natasha Millward, Vicky Duckworth of the Greens, Paul Brothwood of UKIP and Martin Turner for the Liberal Democrats.

Candidate quits UKIP just days before deadline

AN election candidate in Dudley quit UKIP just days before the deadline for nominations.

Adrian Turner had been expected to stand as a UKIP candidate in the Dudley Council elections taking place on May 7. But the 50-year-old resigned from the party earlier this month and will now fight to be elected as an Independent candidate.

Mr Turner, a former Conservative councillor, will contest the Hayley Green and Cradley South seat being vacated by his father, Ken.

He claimed the Dudley branch of UKIP had become too focused on the town

and the campaign of Bill Etheridge MEP who is contesting Dudley North in the general election.

"It all seems to be based around Sedgley and Dudley, a lot more than anything else," he said. "I was feeling constantly alone, not part of a team."

Councillor Paul Brothwood, leader of the UKIP group on Dudley Council, said the party had been supporting campaigns across the borough. He added: "We assumed he might try something like this so we had another candidate ready." Michael Forsyth will stand for UKIP against Mr Turner.

Nigel has tonic for the troops in Himley speech

NIGEL Farage vowed to increase spending on the Armed Forces by £16 billion as he put troops and veterans centre stage on the campaign trail in the Black Country.

Speaking at Himley Hall last week, the UKIP leader said the party would commit to spending two per cent of gross domestic product on defence – the NATO benchmark – and restore the defence budget to pre-2010 levels.

He also said the party would create a specialist Veterans' Minister who will ensure that current veterans and future troops returning from conflict receive specialist support.

Mr Farage said: "The Westminster parties are not interested in defence, they do not see any votes in it. People in this country do care about defence, about our ability as a nation to defend ourselves.

"About our ability as a nation to defend our commitments around the world – per-

By Rob Gollidge & Rob Cox

haps with the Falklands being to the fore-most in many people's minds. So people do care hugely about, and perhaps they care even more about, the well-being of the men and women that serve in our armed forces and especially the way in which they are treated.

"UKIP says defence really does matter and it is very important – it should be a much bigger part of this election campaign than it currently is."

Mr Farage, who joined veterans for afternoon tea, said UKIP backed calls for a national service medal so all men and women who served in the Armed Forces could 'stand proud' at Remembrance Services regardless of rank or length of service.

Troops who have served more than 12 years would be offered jobs in the police force, prison service and the borders agency. The party said it would build at

least one forces' hospital and several hostels for homeless ex-servicemen.

Mr Farage added: "It is estimated that one in 10 of those on the streets are former servicemen or women who have fallen on hard times and dependent on alcohol. It is our duty to support them."

Mr Farage took to the podium with Dudley North candidate Bill Etheridge and rejected criticism about plans to pay for the defence budget boost via cuts to international aid, insisting 'defence of the realm' was the first priority.

Speaking to reporters outside Himley Hall, Mr Farage hit back at the Prime Minister who had issued a call for UKIP voters to 'come home' to the Conservatives. He said: "Firstly doesn't understand that more than half our voters have never voted Conservative and would never vote Conservative. Secondly he said this is not the time to protest – he doesn't get it. They are not voting UKIP to protest but they are voting UKIP because they agree with it."



Nigel Farage poses for a selfie at Himley Hall

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The Ghost Train is running out of steam

The Ghost Train Grand, Wolverhampton

ARNOLD Ridley, known to most as Private Godfrey in Dad's Army, was a prolific playwright and this is probably his most successful pen work.

More than 90 years on, the tale of intrigue has been given a new run courtesy of director Patric Kearns.

The show centres on a group of travellers stranded at a remote pre-Beeching railway station subject to a local

legend of 'the ghost train'. Forced to stay the night after missing their connection through the antics of the 'joker' of the pack, Teddie Deakin played by Tom Butcher, the passengers become unwittingly embroiled in arms smuggling.

Hi-De-Hi! star Jeffrey Holland as the station master Saul Hodgkin set the scene for all the other characters by relaying the spectral story. Butcher's portrayal of Deakin, in the

1940s film played by Arthur Askey as Tommy Gander, was neither madcap enough to be funny nor manic enough to be annoying. Corinne Wicks gave quite a strong performance as the uncertain feminist Elsie.

Like the character he portrayed in Dad's Army, Ridley's humour is gentle and slow. This production is like a museum piece but there were some genuine jump in your seat moments.

Danny Farragher

'Miracle' man left us breathless

Derren Brown,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham

I'VE seen him several times, on the television and in live shows, and there is always one question I come away with 'How on earth did he do that?'

Mind-bending master of illusion Derren Brown left the packed-to-the-rafters theatre breathless as he raced around the stage - literally - amazing all with his quick wit and amazing performances.

It is always difficult reviewing Derren Brown as he is quite rightly adamant that no secrets must be given away, so as not to spoil it for other people who will be going to later shows.

This Miracle tour is very aptly named as he performs just that but in the Derren Brown way. No more details, just to say that it will amaze and baffle audiences.

This was his seventh production since 2003 but the award-winning showman, who uses psychology to create the illusion of supernatural powers, gives few clues away.

Sue Attwater

REVIEWS



Sisters Anna and Elsa proved the highlight for the many Frozen fans

Disney spectacular lit up the faces of the delighted fans

Disney on Ice Magical Ice Festival
Genting Arena, Birmingham

IT was what the young - and not so young - fans of Disney On Ice were waiting for, Frozen.

And this perfect end to this brilliant show at Birmingham's Genting Arena brought loud cheers and screams as the snow fell and sisters Anna and Elsa took to the stage along with the lovable snowman Olaf.

Before that the delighted audience was treated to all their other Disney favourites including Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Donald Duck. The costumes were quite amazing as were the special effects.

Whether a fan of Disney or not - and who isn't? - you could not fail to be won over as the brilliant ice skaters told the story of Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, the Little Mermaid, and many, many more - all quite enchanting.

As a granny I was honoured to be taken along and the look on little Kelli's face was enough for me to know that the dash from work had really been worth it. All the little ones in their Disney costumes were lapping it up.

The Disney on Ice Magical Ice Festival was just that and I am sure it will prove just as popular on the rest of its UK tour. SA

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Soprano sings at heart concert

STOURBRIDGE Methodist Church will host a fundraising concert in aid of Action Heart, which is based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, on Saturday.

Soprano Linda Tolchard will be accompanied by Kevin Gill on piano.

Joy Brown from Action Heart said: "This evening promises plenty of classics as well as items from musicals."

Refreshments

Tickets cost £10 including light refreshments and are available from organiser Trevor Manning on (01384) 371864 or Action Heart on (01384) 292233.

The concert will start at 7pm.

Father on charity run as thank you for son



Steve Howell with his two-year-old son Alfie in Amblecote

A FATHER-OF-TWO is warming up for a six-mile run to raise cash for the hospital which has cared for his son.

Steve Howell, 32, from Nuthatch Drive, Amblecote, is competing in this year's Great Birmingham 10k run in support of Birmingham Children's Hospital on May 3.

His son, Alfie, spent his first Christmas and birthday at the hospital between 2013 and 2014. The youngster, who will be two this month, has a condition called skeletal dysplasia, a genetic disorder which causes dwarfism.

Last May he was also diagnosed with epilepsy which resulted in a further stay in hospital.

Mr Howell said he had decided to take part in the run as a thank you to the hospital.

"The staff were absolutely brilliant," he said. "They looked after Alfie so well and allowed us to juggle our other responsibilities, which was important considering Alfie has an older sister, Maisie-Grace.

"We always knew he was in good hands. I think I can say the staff at the hospital genuinely loved Alfie.

"I really just want to give something back. I haven't run 10k for about a decade but I hope to complete it in a decent time as I'm really competitive."

To support Mr Howell see www.justgiving.com/Steve-Howell4/

£850 for care worker in minimum pay row

A FORMER carer is finally set to get more than £800 after claiming she earned less than the minimum wage.

Debra Claridge, of Kingswinford, launched a campaign after claiming carers who look after people in their own homes are not getting overtime or travel costs.

She claimed staff ended up barely getting the minimum wage.

Mrs Claridge was locked in a battle to get £850 she claimed she was owed by Prestwood Care.

HMRC has now concluded that she should get the money and the company, though it denies any wrongdoing, has agreed to pay Mrs Claridge. She said: "I didn't set out to be a campaigner, it was just the circumstances of what happened to me. I knew this was endemic in the care industry."

Councillor Dave Branwood, Dudley's adult and community services boss, said restrictions will be tightened on care firms used by the council in the light of her campaign.

Dreams bed firm to axe 70 factory jobs in Black Country

BED manufacturer Dreams will axe around 70 jobs at its factory in the Black Country, it has emerged.

The firm is consulting workers on the plans to reduce the 210-strong workforce at the base on the Granada Trading Estate in Oldbury.

Bosses said they were working to make the factory, which produces beds, more efficient after investing in new technology which requires

fewer workers. Around 70 workers are expected to be affected, the firm said. It said it had been a "tough decision".

They said the retail side of the business was continuing to invest in the new stores, including one which opened in Solihull this year.

A spokesman for Dreams said: "This has been a very tough decision for us, especially as we are such a tightly knit firm but it is necessary to ensure the long term viability of our Oldbury site.

"We remain committed to supporting manu-

facturing in the West Midlands and we expect to open further retail premises in the region over the next year."

Dreams, which has recently launched a new TV campaign, has stores in Brierley Hill, Oldbury, Wednesbury and Wolverhampton.

Around 50 people work at the firm's distribution centre at Hallens Drive, Wednesbury, which is also a superstore.

Its owner Sun European invested £6 million last year into areas of the business.

Fire service hit by £20m blow

BOSSSES at West Midlands Fire Service say they are committed to making no compulsory redundancies — as they try to make up a £20 million shortfall.

Between 70 and 80 jobs will be lost as the service tries to make up the shortfall over the next four years, with bosses running two trials which will see 30 fewer staff across 10 different stations to see how services are affected.

The trials are to help the service find ways of protecting its five-minute response time to serious incidents and continuing prevention work in the community, after Government funding cuts.

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Oldbury branch of Palethorpes butchers circa 1900



Workers at Palethorpes sausage factory, in Tipton, 1900



Chainmakers pictured circa 1910



Heavy and dirty work – Men at work at Noah Hingley & Sons, Netherton in 1954

Rich industrial heritage is laid bare at exhibition

THE full extent of the Black Country's rich industrial heritage is laid bare in a stunning new exhibition at the Black Country Living Museum.

From the glow of blast furnaces, to a bustling Walsall High Street at the turn of the century, the region's past is brought to the fore at the entrance to the popular Dudley attraction.

The revamped reception features a series of giant images depicting Black Country life through the ages, culminating with a five-minute film in a new 'cinema pod'.

Pipes

There are images of coal-blackened men with pipes hanging from their mouths, children playing in the streets between back-to-backs and of women working at mines. The project has taken three months to complete and replaces the attraction's previous 'Hall of Fame' exhibition.

The stunning pictures offer visitors a snapshot of life in the region from

MEMORY LANE

By Peter Madeley

the 18th century onwards. They include a print by renowned artist and poet Edwin Butler Bayliss, whose paintings depict the Black Country as a smoke-filled engineering heartland.

Many of the region's famous businesses are also represented. They include a branch of Palethorpes butchers in Oldbury, complete with a large advertisement, proudly boasting: 'Best Pork Goods'. The inner workings of the Palethorpes sausage factory in Tipton are shown in another image.

Workers at Wednesbury's famous Spear and Jackson factory in the 1960s are shown in another exhibit, while a stunning monochrome image shows a line of staff at the Revo metal polishing shop in Tipton.

The sprawling Guy Motors Fallings Park Works in Wolverhampton is also displayed.

Another image on display illustrates how the region's industrial exploits were lauded far beyond the bounda-

ries of the Black Country. It shows a picture from the Illustrated London News in 1866 depicting dozens of smokestacks billowing over a landscape packed with factories.

But it's not all grim and industrial, with one picture showing Wolverhampton's beautifully landscaped West Park at its finest, as mothers stroll alongside the pond with their babies in prams.

Walsall's busy High Street is depicted in a photograph taken in 1908, complete with the imposing figure of St Matthew's Church looming in the background.

Traditional

There's also a nod to how the BCLM has preserved the traditional industrial practices of the area.

Last November the museum was given permission for a new school entrance intended to cut queues. The building will be near the new Dudley Archives. For more information on the BCLM and details of events visit belm.co.uk/

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Recognition for supporting young people

A HOUSING association has been endorsed by a national organisation for its services to young people.

Churches Housing Association of Dudley and District — CHADD — has received accreditation from the Foyer Federation for another three years.

Its 'On Route' project in Dixons Green Road, Dudley, provides accom-

modation for up to 32 young people. Dudley Council provides funding to enable the support services to enable the young people to access education, training and employment opportunities.

John Millar, interim strategic director for environment, economy and housing, said: "This service is a main-

stay of our young people's supported housing provision and we are pleased that CHADD has gained this important accreditation.

"Dudley Council provides the practical support to help these young people to achieve their aims, whether it be starting college, going for job interviews or training programmes."

Dual carriageway is proposed to ease jams on busy route

Diamond couple celebrate



Jeffrey and Hazel Spittle, of Upper Gornal, were wed 60 years ago

A COUPLE who first met at school at the age of 13 have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Jeffrey Spittle met his future wife Hazel when they both attended Dormston School in Sedgley. They lost touch after Mr Spittle went into the Royal Air Force for his National Service in 1951 but two years later met up again at a dance hall in Upper Gornal.

The couple, who live in Quarry Brow, Upper Gornal, were married at the Congregational Church, in Bilston Street, Sedgley, on April 2, 1955.

After 60 years together, Mr Spittle said the secret of a successful marriage was to never to go to bed on an argument.

The couple have two sons Gary and Peter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr Spittle, now 82, worked as an inspection manager at Fafnir Bearings in Wolverhampton for more than 30 years before retiring due to ill health. His wife, also 82, had a number of jobs but her favourite was working as a sewing machinist when she left school.

The couple were celebrating the anniversary with a family party.

A DUAL carriageway will be introduced on a busy route as part of a proposed £6.3 million scheme aimed at easing congestion.

The road improvements will be carried out along a section of Pensnett High Street, where motorists often face delays. Traffic lights will also be introduced on junctions either side of the section, at both High Oak and Tansey Green Road. The widening of the junction with High Oak will see the adjoining Bradley Street closed to through traffic.

The council will use a compulsory purchase order to buy land either side of the road to allow for it to be widened.

The proposal will be decided on by Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transport, next week. If approved, the work will take a year and could start as early as January 2017.

It comes on the back of a consultation in October last year which saw people back the scheme.

Delays

Out of 239 responses last year, 138 'strongly supported' the idea of a dual carriageway on the High Street. A total of 208 said improvements were needed along the road to drive down delays and safety.

The High Street serves local as well as business traffic and deliveries to Pensnett Trading Estate, which is the largest secured trading estate in Europe. Around 30,000 vehicles use the road every day.

New pedestrian crossing facilities would be installed at High Oak and Tansey Green Road.

Donna Davies runs Allbreed Grooming Academy on High Oak, near to the junction with High Street. She said: "It sounds a good idea. The High Street has always been a very busy road, which has got worse over the years.

"More motorists coming down there will also mean extra possible business too."

The cost will be partly funded by a £3.8m award from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

Councillor Ahmed said: "This scheme has been long awaited.

"The road is a bottle neck and is a hold up for traffic going to nearby industrial estates or to Kingswinford.

"Now we have the money it would be silly not to use it to make the situation better."

MS awareness event to be held at Himley Hall

AN AWARENESS event for people affected by multiple sclerosis is being held next week.

The MS Society's Dudley and district branch has organised the information day at Himley Hall on Tuesday, April 21, from 10am to 3pm.

More than a dozen stands will be set up alongside places offering tips on where to access support. Refreshments will also be provided on the day.

The group is based at Dingle Community Centre, in Kingswinford, meeting each Tuesday from 10am until 3pm.

They arrange entertain-

ment including fundraising activities, meals out and day trips.

The branch has appointed a Young Peoples Champion Jasmine Morris to encourage younger people into the group.

The branch is starting a new group for people with MS who either work or are in full time education, therefore are not able to attend the morning meetings.

It is called Don't MS with me and will meet from Monday at The Kingswinford pub, in Dudley Road, from 7pm to 9pm. For details call Claire Speake of the branch on 07885 891107

Concern over intensive care beds filling up

EVERY intensive care bed was full at hospitals across the West Midlands on a string of occasions over the last year. Health trusts have to report the current situation on the last Thursday of each month.

Critical care beds at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital were all occupied on six of the 12 days, including November, December and February. The Royal College of Surgeons has warned that more than 82 per cent of beds being used can lead to an increased risk of infection.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust chief executive

Paula Clark said: "The information provided to NHS England is based on the 20 standard beds and does not include the three additional beds on ITU or the four additional beds on our Medical High Dependency Unit that can be opened if required.

"There is also extra provision on ward B3 in our Vascular High Dependency Unit which can be used to relieve pressure on Surgical High Dependency Unit if needed.

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Kayla and Sonny at studio

TWO sisters have penned a song to raise money for a hospital ward as their mother fights cancer. Soumia and Kayla Turner, who live in Wombourne but attend Highfields School in Wolverhampton, have written the house music track Tell Me Why in aid of the Georgina ward at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

Support

The teenagers wanted to show their gratitude for the support they had received from staff as their mother Jane Campbell battles breast cancer. Soumia aged 16, said: "We want to raise as much as we can for the hospital." After coming up with the idea for the song, their uncle Alan Campbell helped them pen the tune. Chris Meddings at Noise Recording Studio in Waterloo Road, then helped to create the track using cutting edge house sounds.

FOCUS ON WOMBOURNE

Graffiti on historic bridge to be removed – at last

GRAFFITI daubed on an historic bridge in Wombourne will be removed after bosses came to an agreement.

Crude markings had been left on the canal bridge which is near the Round Oak pub in Wombourne. It was feared the vandalism would not be removed as it was not offensive – as per the Canals & Rivers Trust policy, which was later labelled as 'completely barmy'.

By Tim Spiers

But the organisation has agreed to stump up the cash to have it removed and train villagers in how to remove other graffiti. There were worries that the scrawl would affect the Best Kept Village campaign.

Gavin Williamson, who is defending his seat in South Staffordshire, recently met with Canals & Rivers Trust chief executive Richard Parry at the site.

Positive

Mr Williamson said: "It was a really positive meeting with Mr Parry. They've committed to paying to get these canal bridges cleaned up. I would hope that everyone would welcome this news and that the bridge, near to Bumblehole Lock on Canal Walk, will be looking spick and span as soon as possible."

Volunteers will now be sought to clean both the canal bridge graffiti and other graffiti in the village. Inspectors from the Best

Kept Village campaign are due in Wombourne in early May. Mr Williamson encouraged as many people to get involved as possible.

He said: "Wombourne's Best Kept Village committee will be taught how to do this themselves so it will be a shared stewardship of cleaning graffiti in the village."

"Local people will have training to clean them up so it's a great idea which should work well. Hopefully people will have the expertise to keep the village looking at its beautiful best."

Wombourne Parish Council has also been in discussions about the problems.

The Canals & Rivers Trust policy is to only remove offensive graffiti itself. Mr Parry said recently: "The trust's limited resources mean that we can only address offensive graffiti."



Graffiti on the historic bridge in Wombourne is to be removed at last

Carnival is returning with theme on cinema

WOMBOURNE carnival returns this summer after the historic event was pulled last year.

The carnival was axed last summer after almost 40 years as a focal point of the village because of problems with insurance.

But, under a new organising committee, the summer event is set to return on Sunday, July 5.

The committee has been in talks with Wolverhampton City Council and parliamentary candidate Gavin Williamson.

This year's return will see the carnival incorporate a cinema theme with organisers encouraging visitors to dress as their favourite movie character.

The carnival is a free event and will open in traditional format with a street parade through Wombourne starting at noon.

Treat for the Motown fans

MOTOWN and soul fans have a special date for their diary.

On Friday, May 8 it is the popular disco at the Civic Centre in Wombourne which will include a touch of northern.

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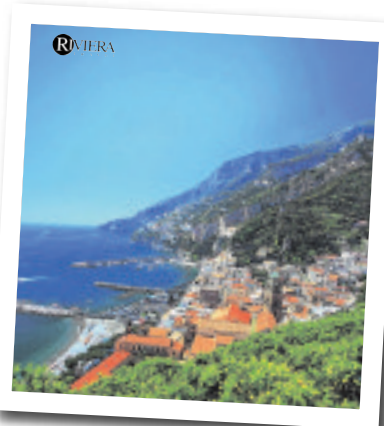
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Tim Tim cheery with a fine Vine



Punmeister Tim Vine performs at the Symphony Hall as part of his first UK tour in four years next week

COMEDIAN Tim Vine has set out on his first stand-up tour in four years, including a gig at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Wednesday (April 22).

The punslinger returns with lots of new jokes, silly songs and some twitchy dancing. He does warn that the show will contain wobbly props, a reference to a panda and a song about getting water in your ear when you

go swimming. And those who can't make the Birmingham date get a second chance to catch Tim by travelling up the M54 for his Shrewsbury show at Theatre Severn on June 3.

It is shaping up to be a classic week for comedy with TV comedy panel regular Andy Parsons at the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, on Thursday (April 23) on his Live and Unleashed But Naturally Cautious Tour. Mock

The Week's Stewart Francis promises to be Pun Gent when he plays the Wulfrun Hall on Friday, April 24.

That hair-raising master of the one liner, Milton Jones, brings his Temple of Daft show to Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow (Friday). He returns to the region to play Oakengates Town Hall in Telford on June 4, Birmingham's Symphony Hall on June 5 and Dudley Town Hall on October 5.

First UK tour for Producers

TWO of Britain's best loved comedians, Jason Manford and Phill Jupitus, join forces in comedy musical The Producers, based on the outrageous Mel Brooks movie.

Add the unpredictability of nature that is dance celebrity Louie Spence to the mix, then one has the ingredients for an hilarious night out when the show, helmed by acclaimed Top Hat director Matthew White, comes to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Now on its first UK tour, the show that took Broadway and the West End by storm has won a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards.

It tells the story impoverished New York producer Max Bialystock (played by Cory English, reprising his West End role) who recruits downtrodden accountant Leo Bloom (Manford) to help him pull off Broadway's greatest scam by over investing in a show that's intended to be a flop. Together they aim to produce the worst show in history and run away to Rio with millions, but then the musical written by a deranged Nazi Franz Liebkind (Phill Jupitus), Springtime For Hitler, turns out to be a hit.

Olivier Award winning actor David Bedella will play the flamboyant director Roger De Bris chosen by Max Bialystock in an attempt to ensure Springtime for Hitler is a flop. Renowned dancer, choreographer and television personality Spence plays his equally flamboyant assistant Carmen Ghia.

The Producers will be goosestepping its stuff at the Alex from Monday to Saturday.



"Ingredients for an hilarious night out"

City venues stage Classical concerts

RENOVED pianist Cédric Tiberghien joins Edward Gardner and the CBSO for a celebration of some of Felix Mendelssohn's best-loved works at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

They will perform two concerts together, today (Thursday) at 2.15pm, and an evening concert on Saturday from 7pm.

The Anglo-Welsh Canoldir Choir return to Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday at 7pm. Russia's Borodin Quartet perform works by Shostakovich and Beethoven at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 7.30pm.

Soprano April Fredrick and Orchestra of the Swan perform on Wednesday at 2.30pm at Birmingham Town Hall.

Ant music as Adam makes 80s return

SOUTH Carolina outfit Hey-rocco bring their infectious grunge-pop to the Rainbow in Digbeth on Sunday as support for Scottish rockers The Xcerts.

Adam Ant returns to his punk album Dirk Wears White Sox and his 80s hits at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday). Rock veterans UFO are at the Wulfrun Hall on Saturday and Status Quo bring their Aquostic Tour to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on April 23.

Yes guitarist Steve Howe is at the Robin 2 in Bilston tonight and the same venue hosts 70s prog rockers Curved Air with singer Sonja Kristina on Sunday.

Wilde work given supernatural twist

OSCAR Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray is given a supernatural twist by European Arts Company. It is on at the Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, on Saturday at 3pm and 7.30pm.

Ten Downing Street comes under the spotlight in Steve Thompson's Feed The Beast at Birmingham Rep Studio Theatre from tonight until May 2, with a cast including Gerald Kyd and Kacey Ainsworth.

A dance work looking at how the human body responds to war, 5 Soldiers, choreographed by Rosie Kay, is staged with the audience also on the main stage at the Birmingham Rep, from April 23 to 25.

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Karen Bowerman with cod on a fishing trip

Fishy tales as we are led on a totally Scandilicious foodie tour

FOR the guy that's the equivalent of Gordon Ramsay in the Danish version of Hell's Kitchen, chef Wassim Hallal seems a surprisingly agreeable chap.

He arrives at his new deli, sporting a flat cap and the broadest of grins, and welcomes us, wholeheartedly, to Denmark.

Maybe my delight in his smorrebrod (Danish open sandwiches) has something to do with this, but even when my foodie companion, Bill, begins drilling him on sarnie specifics he's still patient and polite.

Bill and I are on a whistle-stop Scandi food tour. We've got three days to visit three cities in three countries: Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

We meet Hallal in Aarhus, on the country's east coast. His deli, F-Høj, has a classy

By Karen Bowerman

cosiness. Our open sandwiches are heaped with toppings: smoked salmon with avocado puree, smoked cheese and fresh horseradish; potato and pear with mustard and honey; and eggs and crayfish with grapes and salsify.

Focusing on fresh, seasonal produce is at the heart of New Nordic Cuisine. It's led to a renaissance of Scandinavian classics, including smorrebrod, which is now being seen, and served, in a new light.

Using organic, regional ingredients is also the aim of Nordisk Spisehus, where Bill and I have dinner. The restaurant serves signature dishes from Michelin-starred establishments. "We get the thumbs up before we copy their menus," a waitress reassures me.

I leave, wondering if Nordisk needs to be more courageous. Given its dishes seem to

hold their own in a Michelin-starred menu, does the kitchen really need to rely so heavily on the creativity of others?

The next morning Bill and I catch a ferry to Sweden's west coast city of Gothenburg. It's known for its coffee culture but we're heading to the Fish Church. It's actually a 19th century fish market in a building inspired by Norway's wooden stave churches that were built without pillars.

Variety

The 'aisle' is laden with fresh lobster, shrimp and salmon. But it's the variety of pickled herring that catches my eye. Choices include oregano and pink peppercorn, carrot and juniper and onion and bay leaves. I try herring and redcurrant, expecting the sour taste of vinegar, but instead, the fish is soft and almost creamy, with the fruit giving it a fabulous kick. On a mezza-

nine at the far end of the market is Gabriel, where we're having lunch. It's run by chef Johan Malm, who won the World Oyster Opening Championships in 2010.

We eat sumptuously; fresh oysters from Grebbestad (two hours north of Gothenburg), the thickest of fish soups with sweet prawns and fish that's almost al dente, and grilled plaice with browned butter and potatoes.

On our final day, we forego fine dining for fishing. At Ersfjordbotn, a small hamlet 15km west of Tromsø, we meet Trond Lorentzen, whose family runs a fish

Trond's wife is peeling potatoes. We sit down to the freshest cod I've ever tasted.

* Karen Bowerman was a guest of the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian tourist boards. Visit www.visitdenmark.co.uk, www.visitsweden.com and www.visitnorway.com

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CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Channel 5, 10.10pm)
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Gymnastics. The 2015 European Artistic Gymnastics Individual Championships. **3.30** Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix – Qualifying. Coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhr (Start-time 4.00pm). **5.05** Match of the Day Live. Arsenal v Reading (Kick-off 5.20pm). **7.25** BBC News. **7.35** Regional Programme. **7.45** Atlantis. Jason has been sentenced to death and it seems no one will be able to save him – until Hercules comes up with a plan that will require him to make a huge personal sacrifice. **8.30** The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which up to five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, hosted by Kate Garraway. **9.20** Casualty. A construction worker outside the hospital loses control of his digger, taking out the power in the ED and half-burying a young woman – who just happens to be his own daughter who had come to see him. Alfred is rushed in with pneumonia and when Connie insists the team don't intervene, Rita becomes suspicious. Cal receives a phone call from a distressed Taylor and finds her in a public toilet with a knife in her leg, having got mixed up with the wrong people. It's a bad wound and she is refusing to go to hospital, so he realises he needs Ethan's help. But things don't quite work out as expected. **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Manchester United and Leicester City v Swansea City, National Lottery Update. **11.50** The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures. **1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 Film: The Silver Darlings. (1947) **7.45** Film: Animal Farm. (1954) **9.00** FA Cup Rewind: Semi-Final Classics. **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **11.55** Michel Roux's Service. **12.55** Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix – Third Practice. Coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhr. **2.05** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Escape to the Continent. **5.45** Flog It! (R) **6.30** Gardeners' World. Monty Don gives his borders a boost at Longmeadow, while James Alexander-Sinclair heads to Borde Hill Garden in West Sussex to visit its collection of award-winning magnolias. (R) **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The concluding session on the opening day of the ranking tournament at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first-round match involving Mark Selby reaches a conclusion. **8.00** Dad's Army. Mainwaring tries to talk Frazer into depositing his hoard of gold sovereigns in a safe place – his own bank. Vintage comedy, with Arthur Lowe and John Laurie. (R) **8.30** Film: Jane Eyre. (2011) A girl raised in misery by her cruel aunt grows up to become a governess, and is sent to the estate of a mysterious Yorkshire landowner. Despite being disturbed by strange goings-on in the house, she falls in love with her brooding employer, only to discover he is concealing a terrible secret. Period drama based on Charlotte Brontë's novel, starring Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender and Judi Dench. **10.20** QI XL. Extended edition. Jo Brand, Colin Lane, David Mitchell and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's questions on the theme of landmarks. Last in the series. **11.05** Snooker: The World Championship. Highlights of the evening session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where two first-round matches were scheduled. **11.55** Snooker: World Championship Extra. Extended highlights. **1.55** Film: Father of My Children. (2009) **3.45** Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow. (R) **4.45** The Truth About Calories. (R) **5.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Bottom Knockers Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockers Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Scooby. (R) **7.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.35** Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40** Doc Martin. (R) **2.40** Film: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. **4.30** The Unforgettable Joan Sims. (R) **5.00** Off Their Rockers. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** New You've Been Framed! A-Z of Growing Up. Harry Hill presents classic videos featuring youngsters across the world as he unveils his guidebook to growing up, from toddlers to teens. **7.00** Ninja Warrior UK. Contenders from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in the second heat of the obstacle-course challenge, all hoping to progress to the semi-finals. **8.00** Britain's Got Talent. The annual search for a star continues as we turn over Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon reveal their talents. The acts all have their eyes on the prize of £250,000 and a slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance, but first they must secure a place in the live semi-finals. With the return of the golden buzzers, the judges, as well as hosts Ant and Dec, each have the power to send one act straight through, regardless of anyone else's opinion. **9.15** Play to the Whistle. Captains Bradley Walsh and Frank Lampard are joined by guests Sean Lock, Graeme Swann, Alex Scott and Romesh Ranganathan. Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Film: Red Heat. (1988) A Russian detective and a Chicago cop put aside their mutual mistrust to catch an escaped Soviet drug baron. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.35 FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.05** Brighton Marathon. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing featuring the Scottish Grand National from Ayr, and Newbury. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. Outspoken hairdresser Patrick McMurray hosts the final party in Sutton Coldfield, and prepares a scallop starter and a classic beef Wellington. (R) **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Walking Through History: Northumbria. Tony Robinson explores the history of the ancient kingdom on a walk from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Holy Island off the coast of Northumberland. Over five days, he goes on the trail of one of Northumbria's greatest sons – Saint Cuthbert. Through the Tweed Valley and across the Cheviot Hills, it's a journey through a murky history laden with myth. However, by investigating the communities, power bases and landscape of seventh-century Northumbria, Tony aims to understand the pagan land in which Cuthbert spread his simple brand of Celtic Christianity. (R) **8.00** The World's Most Extreme. The 10 most dangerous and extraordinary bridges around the world, including the Millau Viaduct in southern France, a popular base-jumping spot for thrill-seekers. **9.00** Film: X-Men: First Class. (2011) Telepathic mutant Charles Xavier forms the first generation of the superhero team in the 1960s. Their battle with a Nazi war criminal manipulating the world toward nuclear war gradually drives a wedge between Xavier and his ally Magneto, leading them to become deadly enemies. Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy. **11.40** Film: In Fear. (2013) Horror, starring Iain De Caestecker. **1.15** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.10** Holyoaks. (R) **4.15** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. **4.30** Double Your House for Half the Money. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **11.30** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.25** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.25** Film: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder. (1978) **5.25** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **6.20** Britain's Horror Homes. A woman from the Norfolk village of Happisburgh whose house had to be demolished after coastal erosion left it suspended in mid-air on the edge of a cliff. (R) **7.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The return of the documentary giving an insight into the world of debt collection from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments. Brian and Graham have been warned to expect trouble as they evict some tenants from a south London flat, one of whom has a reputation for violence. Everything goes smoothly until the enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom. Paul and Steve head to Slough to collect wages owed to a freelance worker, but the debtor is less than happy to find the high-court enforcement officers on his doorstep and things get physical. (R) **8.10** 5 News Weekend. **8.15** NCIS. The team tries to prove Ziva had nothing to do with a political assassination carried out by her former Mossad partner – but has to tackle the case without Gibbs's guidance. (R) **9.10** NCIS. Gibbs and the team attend the funeral of a fallen colleague before identifying the man they believe to be the port-to-port killer, and rushing to apprehend him. (R) **10.10** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team learns the suspect in the Gig Harbour killings is being released from jail due to lack of evidence, and DB's daughter Maya asks her father if she can return to Seattle. **11.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies, leaving Benson and Stabler hunting a killer whose motives seemingly stem from a misguided sense of righteousness. (R) **12.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** 200 Nips & Tucks and I Want More! (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Film: Chicken Run (2000) **8.20** Top Gear **9.30** Tatau **1.10** Happy Valley **11.10** Family Guy **1.20** Tatau **2.00** Bluestone 42 **2.30** Killer Magic **3.00** Siblings **4.00** Close **BBC Four**
7.00 Ice Age Giants **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** John Denver: Country Boy **11.55** John Denver at Wembley Arena **12.35** An Evening with Glen Campbell **1.55** Sounds of the Eighties **2.20** The Sky at Night **2.50** Wild China **3.50** Close **ITV2**
11.00 Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.25** The Hot Desk: Ed Sheeran **1.40** Film: Honey (2003) **3.30** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **5.20** Mr Bean **6.30** Film: Apollo 13 (1995) **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.20** Hell's Kitchen **2.10** Crazy Beaches **2.35** Life's Funniest Moments **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
11.55 Film: Gosford Park (2001) **2.35** Inspector Morse **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Inspector Morse **12.15** A Touch of Frost **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**
12.55 Counting Cars **1.50** Film: The Appaloosa (1966) **3.55** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **6.00** Storage Wars **7.00** Shed and Buried **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Born on the Fourth of July (1989) **11.50** Film: Inside Man (2006) **2.20** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**
11.00 Melissa & Joey **12.00** Baby Daddy **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** Film: Hop (2011) **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Sleepy Hollow (1999) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **12.15** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Rude Tube **2.25** The 100 **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.55** 2 Broke Girls **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Make It or Break It **5.25** Rude(ish) Tube **Film4**
11.00 That Riviera Touch (1966) **1.00** King Kong (1976) **3.50** A Knight's Tale (2001) **6.35** Water for Elephants (2011) **9.00** The Guard (2011) Comedy thriller, with Brendan Gleeson and Don Cheadle. **10.55** The Raven (2012) **1.05** Chinatown (1974) **3.50** Close

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Philip Glenister

For the Love of Cars (Channel 4, 8pm)

The first edition of this new series sees Life on Mars and Ashes star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead take another trip around the barns and lock-ups of Britain, returning classic motors to their former glory. They begin in Hertfordshire with an Aston Martin DBS – the model driven by George Lazenby in the Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service. Over 10 weeks, they complete the bare metal restoration before the vehicle is sold at auction, and Philip gets to experience Roger Moore's DBS from the cult 1970s show The Persuaders.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the subject of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Lorraine. **2.10** Points of View. **2.25** Songs of Praise. **3.00** Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix. The fourth round of the season from Sakhr (Start-time 4.00pm).

6.05 **Celebrity Mastermind.** John Humphrys quizzes Pete Firman, Paul Martin, Jaye Griffiths and Pete Reed on the subjects of Tommy Cooper, rock drummers 1970-2000, Ayrton Senna and the Lord of the Rings films. (R)

6.35 **BBC News.**

7.00 **Regional Programme.**

7.00 **Countryside.** In an exploration of British woodlands, Ellie Harrison is high in the canopy with scientists collecting leaf buds to learn more about the effects of CO2 on forest life, then helps release hedgehogs back into the wild. John Craven discovers the ancient craft of coppicing, Anita Rani learns how to build with baked wood, and Tom Heap investigates what people can do to defend trees against disease. Plus, Adam Henson presents the third and final Countryfile Farming Heroes nominee. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team visit Lowther Castle in Cumbria, where items include a make-up set from the 1920s, an unusual letterbox and a stuffed dog with an aristocratic pedigree.

9.00 **Poldark.** The smelting company suffers as a result of George's tough business dealings. Ross and Francis fall out over Verity, while Mark returns home early to an unwelcome surprise.

10.00 **BBC News.**

10.20 **Regional Programme.**

10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Gabby Logan reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium and Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.20 **Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.**

11.55 **Film: The Uninvited.** (2009) Thriller, starring Emily Browning.

1.15 **Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.20** **BBC News.**

BBC2

7.35 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** FA Cup Rewind: Semi-Final Classics. **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** Back in Time for Dinner. (R) **1.00** Food & Drink. (R) **1.30** Live Gymnastics. The 2015 European Artistic Gymnastics Individual Championships. **4.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. From the Crucible.

6.00 **Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves.** Part two of two. The transportation of exotic animals around the world, following saltwater crocodiles from France to Oxfordshire and two arctic wolves from Hungary to Scotland. (R)

7.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the evening session on day two of the final ranking tournament of the season, featuring the conclusion of two first-round matches at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, involving seeded players Stephen Maguire and John Higgins. Given the intense nature of the event, played over a duration of 17 days, the players will be looking to not only win through to round two, but hopefully progress with something to spare, saving themselves the mental fatigue that can affect their performance later in the tournament.

8.10 **Coast Australia.** The south-west corner of the country, where Neil Oliver retraces the steps of six Irish prisoners-of-conscience and Brendan Moar finds out about a botanical pioneer.

9.00 **Hunters of the South Seas.** New series. Will Millard visits the Bajau people of Sampela, Indonesia, and lives with spear fisherman Kabei and his family, experiencing their unique way of life.

10.00 **Bluestone 42.** As the team prepares to leave Afghanistan for the final time, Simon performs an awesome act of heroism. Last in the series.

10.30 **Film: Carnage.** (2011) Black comedy, with Jodie Foster.

11.45 **Snooker: The World Championship.**

12.35 **Snooker: World Championship Extra.** **2.35** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **3.35** Holby City. (R) **4.35** The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives. (R) **5.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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7.00 **ITV News:** Weather.

7.15 **Celebrity Squares.** New series. Warwick Davis returns with the Noughts and Crosses-based game show in which contestants try to win cash prizes with the help of famous faces. This week, resident comedians Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson are joined by guests Paddy McGuinness, Louis Smith, Anna Crilly and Katy Wix. Alison Hammond, Rob Beckett, Michelle Keegan and Gino D'Acampo.

8.00 **Vera.** When a body is dredged up from a slurry pit on a remote farm, the investigation forces owner Danny Pryor to admit he has a number of illegal Serbian workers on the payroll. A faded tattoo identifies the victim as Jack Reeves, a young man from the local travelling community, but what is his connection to the immigrants? As the case unfolds, Vera and her team must connect the dots between Jack and a wounded Serbian, and expose the tragic truth at the heart of Pryor Farm. With Mark Bonnar.

10.00 **ITV News:** Weather.

10.15 **Perspectives: Michael Jackson's Thriller with Ashley Banjo.** New series. The Diversity lead heads to America to find out about his idol Michael Jackson, and the album that catapulted him to global superstardom in 1982.

11.20 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Alesha Dixon.** The singer and Britain's Got Talent judge chats about her career and personal life. (R)

12.15 The Store. **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

7.05 British GT. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** The Simpsons. (R) **3.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.

6.00 **Channel 4 News.**

6.20 **Film: Ice Age: Continental Drift.** (2012) Premiere. A cataclysm leaves prehistoric animals Manny, Sid and Diego lost at sea on a drifting iceberg. They try to find a way to return home, embarking on a journey that leads to an encounter with a ferocious band of piratical creatures. Animated comedy sequel, with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary and Peter Dinklage.

8.00 **For the Love of Cars.** New series. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore more classic motors, beginning with an Aston Martin DBS – the model from the Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

9.00 **Indian Summers.** It's the end of the summer season and Ramu's fate is left in Ralph's hands. Now he knows the truth behind the murder, will he let an innocent man hang? A vote takes place at the club to lift the colour bar, and although Ronnie tells Cynthia it was on Willingdon's orders, she knows it's really an act of vengeance by Ralph following their recent argument. Alice and Aafin go public with their relationship, while Sarah is distraught as she prepares to say goodbye to India and her husband. Last in the series.

10.30 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)

11.30 **First Dates.** Mula hopes tonight will be second time lucky after being stood up on her first visit, while restaurateur Tom tries to impress dance teacher Alilee and some well-rehearsed advances. (R)

12.30 The Secret Millionaire. (R) **1.25** Film: Mirch Masala. (1987) **3.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Mio Mac. (R) **7.15** Rookbarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.25** Wake Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.00** Lazy Town. **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **11.35** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **12.35** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **1.35** Film: Stepmom. (1998) Drama, starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon. **2.55** **Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks.** (2007) Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee. **5.40** Film: Pocahontas. (1995) Disney animated drama, with the voice of Irene Bedard.

7.15 **5 News Weekend.**

7.20 **Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective.** (1994) An eccentric but brilliant former cop sets himself up to champion the underdog – as a private eye specialising in locating missing animals. The zany detective is called in to find a kidnapped dolphin – the mascot of an American football team – and uncovers a plot involving high-level police corruption. Comedy, starring Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox, Sean Young, Tone Loc and Noble Willingham. Edited for language.

9.00 **Film: Stolen.** (2012) Premiere. A reformed thief's daughter is kidnapped by an old partner in crime, who demands he hand over \$10million they stole together. The former crook is unable to convince the kidnappers he does not have the money, so sets out to rescue the girl – but if the ransom is not paid in 24 hours, she will be killed. Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Lucas, Danny Huston and Malin Akerman.

10.55 **Film: Drive Angry.** (2011) A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard.

12.50 Jackass. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** 2,000 Tattoos, 40 Piercings and a Pickled Ear. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** The Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix **8.10** Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) **10.00** Tatai **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **11.55** Family Guy **12.15** Tatai **1.00** Ecstasy Wars: Stacey Dooley Investigates **2.00** Bluestone 42 **2.30** In Deep **2.45** Tatai **3.30** Killer Magic **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **8.00** New Forest Badgers **8.10** Film: Grand Prix (1966) **10.55** Madness in the Desert: Paris to Dakar Rally **11.55** How to Make a Number One Record **12.55** One-Hit Wonders at the BBC **1.55** BBC Young Dancer 2015 **2.55** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **3.55** Close

ITV2

11.25 Take Me Out **12.35** Scorpion **1.30** Mr Bean **2.35** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **3.40** Film: Stormbreaker (2006) **5.30** Britain's Got Talent **6.50** Britain's Got More Talent **7.50** Film: The Vow (2012) **10.00** Film: Burlesque (2010) **12.20** Mom **1.10** Viral Tap **1.50** Life's Funniest Moments **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.30 Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer **2.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.40** Inspector Morse **7.00** Our Queen **9.00** Film: The Queen (2006) **11.10** Film: Ray (2004) **2.00** Film: The Judge **2.50** Judge Judy **3.30** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

6.30 The Car Chasers **7.00** Storage Wars **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Film: High Plains Drifter (1973) **11.10** Film: Shootout (1971) **1.15** Benidorm **1.45** River Monsters **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

1.00 Revenge **2.00** Film: Hairspray (2007) **4.20** Rude (sh) Tube Shorts **4.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **10.05** Virtually Famous **10.55** The Inbetweeners **11.55** The Big Bang Theory **12.55** Bodyshockers: Nips, Bums and Tattoos **1.55** The 100 **2.55** Rules of Engagement **3.30** Holyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Mistress of Spices (2005) **1.00** Meet Dave (2008) **2.50** Carry On Behind (1975) **4.40** Cocoon: The Return (1988) **6.55** The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012) **9.00** Broken City (2013) **11.10** The Iceman (2012) **1.15** Eccentricities of a Blonde-haired Girl (2009) **2.30** Alamar (2009) **4.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Lock Up, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A convict is transferred to a maximum security prison, where he falls foul of a sadistic warden with a grudge against him. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Donald Sutherland. (1989)

TUESDAY
In the Electric Mist, BBC1, 11.45pm
A recovering alcoholic detective investigates the discovery of a body in a swamp, where he witnessed a murder as a boy. As he sets out to prove a local gangster is involved in a more recent killing, he begins having visions of ghostly Confederate soldiers. Mystery, starring Tommy Lee Jones and John Goodman. (2009)

WEDNESDAY
A detective is sent to Alaska to investigate a murder during a month when the sun does not set. Sleep deprivation starts to take its toll, and he accidentally shoots his partner dead. He tries to cover it up, but the criminal they were hunting has seen everything and blackmails the cop into helping him escape justice. Thriller directed by Christopher Nolan, starring Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank. (2002)



Withnail & I, Friday, Channel 4, 12.20am

THURSDAY
Deadly Hope, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A fertility doctor trying to recover from the murder of her colleague attends a charity function, where a man she meets is also killed. She realises that she was the intended target in both attacks, and tries to find out who wants her dead and why before anyone else dies. Thriller, starring Alana De La Garza and Sandrine Holt. (2012)

FRIDAY
Withnail & I, Channel 4, 12.20am
Two hard-drinking unemployed actors sharing a grotty flat in late 1960s London think they can escape their miserable existence by decamping to a cottage in the Lake District. But finding no respite from their problems, the less self-destructive of the pair comes to realise he has to leave his friend behind. Cult black comedy, starring Richard E Grant, Paul McGann, Richard Griffiths and Ralph Brown. (1987)

Jason awaits his fate as Hercules plans a rescue

Jack Donnelly was eight years old when his dreams of becoming Batman were put on hold.

He and his classmates went to see a school production of Smike and Jack realised that's what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

It helped that his folks were in showbusiness. His dad, Tony, was an actor and his mum, Chrissie, was a dancer who also choreographed Bucks Fizz's Eurovision-winning Making Your Mind Up dance routine.

(There was an argument over which length skirts Cheryl Baker and Jay Aston should wear, so Chrissie came up with the idea of using both, the longer whipped off half way through the routine).

Fast forward a few years, and after leaving drama school, Jack and his best friend Joel Mellenger won an improv competition. They started their own company, Chuckleduster, and doors started opening.

These days Jack is better known as Jason, the protagonist at the heart of Atlantis (BBC1, 7.45pm), and there's no shortage of problems for him here.

Our hero has been sentenced to death, and with the might of the High Priests bearing down upon him, it seems nobody can secure his release.

While Pasiphae tightens her stranglehold on the city, it looks like Jason is doomed, until Hercules comes up with a plan.

The show may have gone down a storm with many, but the high production costs eventually led to its own demise. However, some shows have a habit of lingering long after the axe has fallen.

So, has he had a lot of interest from across the Pond?

"Atlantis went down great over there," Jack enthuses. "I think it was the biggest show they've ever had on BBC America."

"To be fair it came right after the Sherlock Christmas special; that might have helped us, but yeah, the viewing figures went down great there, and I think they sold it to 120 countries around the world, which is fantastic."

And getting such a high profile in such an influential country is invaluable for any actor.

"In terms of my own career and stuff, anything to get noticed in America and open up doors there is brilliant, but we'll see."

It doesn't hurt that he recently made the improv football mockumentary United We Fall.

It started out as a comedy workshop, but once director Gary Sinyor got the money to develop it, that became a movie.

"I honestly didn't even expect it to be made into a film," Jack explains while plugging the DVD. "I'm not sure how it was going to work, so a lot of that is down to Gary and the editing."

Donnelly wasn't given the chance of a second take.

"I had to be in the moment or that was it. And you move forward. You never got to do it again," he explains.

For the moment, Ben Affleck may be the new Dark Knight, but Jack still holds a glimmer of hope that one day he'll get to don that iconic cowl.

"Unless the Batman thing comes back on the cards, I think I'll stick with acting," he smiles.



Jack Donnelly stars in Atlantis, Saturday, BBC1, 7.45pm

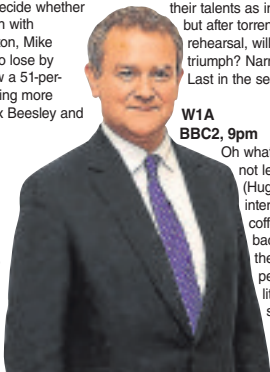
BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Safe House
ITV, 9pm
New series. Former policeman Robert and his wife Katy gave up their city lives after a witness in his care was shot dead, and he's been struggling with his guilt ever since. In an attempt to put the past behind them, the couple now run a guest house in the Lake District. But when old colleague DCI Mark Maxwell suggests the building would work as a safe house, Robert takes in a family who are under threat. It's a chance for him to make use of his detective skills and ensure nothing goes wrong this time. Drama, starring Christopher Eccleston.

TUESDAY
Live UEFA Champions League
ITV, 7.30pm
Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the quarter-final second-leg encounter from the Nou Camp. This is the third time in as many seasons that the Spanish and French giants have been drawn against each other in European football's premier club competition, and the second time they have clashed in the quarter-finals, having previously done so in 2012/13. Both of the matches ended in draws on that occasion, but it was the Catalans who progressed via the away goals rule.

Ordinary Lies
BBC1, 9pm
Sixteen months after Beth's husband Dave went missing, she feels ready to move on – until she receives unexpected news that leaves her reeling. Leaving the kids with her mother-in-law, she travels to Margate – where she is forced to decide whether to leave her old life behind or move on with company boss Mike. Back in Warrington, Mike himself considers how much he has to lose by leaving his wife – with his father-in-law, a 51-per-cent holder in the company, he is risking more than just his marriage. Jo Joyner, Max Beesley and Shaun Dooley star. Last in the series.

WEDNESDAY
Give a Pet a Home
ITV, 8pm
Amanda Holden reveals which of last week's celebrity-championed animals have found a new home with viewers, and six more potential pets are put up for adoption at the RSPCA centre in Birmingham. They include Tiger the Bengal cat, who was a shooting victim, and Wally the horse, who fell into a river and swam seven miles to safety.



W1A, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

THURSDAY
Ice Rink on the Estate
ITV, 9pm
In this final programme, tension, excitement and even romance are in the air as the big show looms. Some of the skaters are chosen to demonstrate their talents as individuals and in pairs, but after torrential rain ruins the dress rehearsal, will the main event be a triumph? Narrated by Suranne Jones. Last in the series.

W1A
BBC2, 9pm
Oh what a glorious series this is, not least because of Will (Hugh Skinner), the stupid intern. For him going on a coffee run and trying to get back into the building can be the equivalent of some people scaling Everest, so little wonder he steals the show in the first few minutes of series two. And that's far from easy when there's such a wealth of

comedic talent, including Hugh Bonneville as Ian Fletcher (Head of Values), Jessica Hynes as Siobhan Sharpe (Head of Branding) and Jason Watkins as Simon Harwood (Director of Strategic Governance). A year after arriving at the BBC, Ian and his team are preparing for a visit by Prince Charles, while Siobhan is working on a Wimbledon coverage makeover.

FRIDAY
MasterChef
BBC1, 8.30pm
It's been seven weeks, 24 episodes, countless split sauces and sunken soufflés, and all manner of highs and lows for the finalists of the latest series of TV's toughest cookery contest, but at last we are about to be put out of our misery as the search for the country's best amateur cook reaches its climax.

Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones
ITV, 9pm
The comedian begins the third leg of his trip in Kasama, northern Zambia. His first stop is the town of Mpika, where he meets college students training to be locomotive drivers. Next, in the capital Lusaka, he reveals how the first railways were built to access the country's rich mineral wealth.

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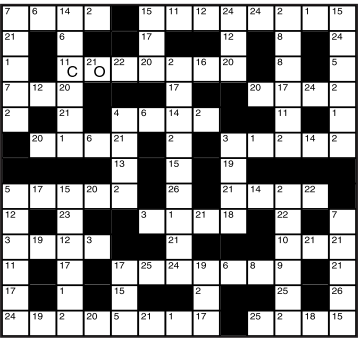
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

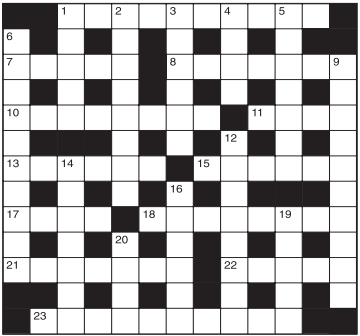
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

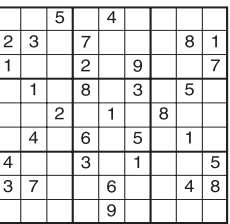
- Across**
- 1. The farmer is married and male (10)
 - 7. Pirate taking remainder of pot into port (5)
 - 8. Time to relax about lie, certainly (7)
 - 10. Almost close to source of water (4,4)
 - 11. Prepare some unexpected items for press (4)
 - 13. Does he gamble in reverse? (6)
 - 15. Breeder more at the back? (6)
 - 17. Light and tuneful? (4)
 - 18. Not the shape of such a letter (8)
 - 21. They fought in dark times, we hear (7)
 - 22. Also two points to the mountains (5)
 - 23. Fly specimen has coloured liquid container (10)
- Down**
- 1. A bit of shovelling needed in the poor dwelling (5)
 - 2. Strong-headed press operator can run fast (8)
 - 3. Affirm limb dropped in beer (6)
 - 4. Said to be a platform (4)
 - 5. Apart, like below (7)
 - 6. Sketch nothing unsuccessful? (4,1,5)
 - 9. Undertaking to get into crooked spire (10)
 - 12. Inclination to write monotonous song (8)
 - 14. Friendly spirit (7)
 - 16. If rising like small company, failure results (6)
 - 19. 50 on the rim of shelf (5)
 - 20. Repaired hose may be in it (4)



Quick Clues:

- Across**
- 1. Vocation (10)
 - 7. Famous (5)
 - 8. Sharp (7)
 - 10. Innate (8)
 - 11. Stud (4)
 - 13. Cordial (6)
 - 15. Dread (6)
 - 17. Secure (4)
 - 18. Augment (8)
 - 21. Exalted (7)
 - 22. Finch (5)
 - 23. Again and again (10)
- Down**
- 1. Throw (5)
 - 2. Hardened (8)
 - 3. Swell (6)
 - 4. Slender (4)
 - 5. Open air (7)
 - 6. Opposite (10)
 - 9. Confused (10)
 - 12. On loan (8)
 - 14. Benign (7)
 - 16. Purpose (6)
 - 19. Irritate (5)
 - 20. Rasp (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	7	9	2	1	4	6	5	8
8	4	1	6	7	5	9	3	2
5	2	6	3	8	9	4	1	7
9	8	7	1	3	6	2	4	5
1	6	3	4	5	2	7	8	9
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Pungent; 7 Firms; 9 Ice; 10 Egregious; 12 All over with; 15 Showmanship; 17 Monoplane; 19 Won; 21 Reams; 22 Sweeten. Down: 1 Punch; 2 Age; 3 Snug; 4 Lie in wait; 5 Amounts; 8 Meters; 11 Glow-worms; 13 Orally; 14 Shooter; 16 Women; 18 Newt; 20 New. QUICK - Across: 6 Disdain; 7 Dealt; 9 Hug; 10 Acquiesce; 12 Dissimulate; 15 Penetrating; 17 Contender; 19 Belt; 21 Event; 22 Against. Down: 1 Pique; 2 Odd; 3 Disc; 4 Repellent; 5 Placate; 8 Summit; 11 Diverting; 13 Spring; 14 Revolve; 16 Cease; 18 Edge; 20 Dig.

Thinking space



Quiz

- 1. Which spirit is made from the juice of an agave?
- 2. Which battle took place on June 18, 1815?
- 3. Which metal has the chemical symbol Au?
- 4. Who claimed to have won 'peace in our time'?
- 5. Which historical conflict was between the Houses of Lancaster and York?
- 6. Who is the patron saint of Russia?
- 7. Of which South African city is Soweto a suburb?
- 8. What was the pen name of novelist Mary Ann Evans?
- 9. What is the capital of Venezuela?
- 10. Which Sioux chief led the massacre of General Custer and his men?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Socrates; 2 Italian; 3 Dar es Salaam; 4 Mary Rose; 5 The Styx; 6 Georges Simenon; 7 A salamander; 8 Nancy Astor; 9 At the Alamo; 10 Edgar Allen Poe.

Niner: SUNFLOWER

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1448 gives an animal,
82345 gives a bird,
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Luxury development at former brickworks launched

A NEW development of 170 luxury homes has been launched in Gospel End near Sedgley, by local homebuilder David Wilson Homes Mercia, as part of redevelopment work of the former Baggeridge Brickworks.

The development, known as Baggeridge Village, is located on Gospel End Road and opened on March 21. The historic former

brickworks was latterly owned by Wienerberger, and closed in 2008.

Around 350 new jobs and new investment will be brought to the area through Baggeridge Village, which was officially unveiled by Gavin Williamson, who is defending his parliamentary seat for South Staffordshire in the General Election, in front of dozens of local people and staff from David Wilson Homes Mercia.

He said: "I was delighted to formally open

Baggeridge Village. This is a high quality development and it will be exciting to see new residents become part of the Gospel End community."

Mr Williamson planted a silver birch tree at the site to mark the official opening of Baggeridge Village, which will retain its links to local history by retaining the former brickworks' factory chimney as a community focal point.

John Fitzgerald, managing director of David

Wilson Homes Mercia, said: "Baggeridge Village is a great new destination, putting this disused brown field site back to good use to the benefit of the local community, with high quality homes as well as numerous green open spaces and neighbourhood facilities."

David Wilson Homes Mercia is contributing financially towards local transport infrastructure, and providing open green spaces, sports playing pitches, a nature conservation area, maintenance of play areas and the ex-

tension of nearby Baggeridge Country Park. Some 350 jobs will be also underpinned by Baggeridge Village, including training opportunities for apprentices.

Eighteen-year-old David Wilson Homes apprentice Angus Ryan, who is studying for an NVQ Level 2 in Bricklaying at Shrewsbury College, also attended the launch of the site.

He said: "Now I'm working on a live building site I can see the links between what I've been learning and how to put it into practice."

A semi-rural location for detached bungalow



BERKSWELL on Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, is a substantial, double fronted extended detached bungalow in a semi-rural location set back from the road.

Standing in delightful mature grounds of around 0.67 of an acre, it is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at £430,000.

There is a large driveway providing fantastic off road parking, a gated entrance and double detached garage with a workshop.

The property has been improved by the present owners with additions including a large conservatory. It has a reception hall, a lounge with a fireplace, sitting room linking to the kitchen (with appliances), a formal dining room, a pantry and utility, an inner hall, three excellent bedrooms (all with wardrobes and master en-suite) and bathroom including shower cubicle.

Contact The Lee Shaw Partnership on 01384 287622 or visit www.leeshaw.com website.



Extended house has also been refurbished

HAVING a new boiler, new driveway and new garage roof, this stunning extended period detached house in Gervase Drive, Dudley, has been extensively refurbished yet still retains many period features.

Coming with family sized accommodation, large gardens and a hot tub, it is for sale through Billingham Taylor at £240,000 with no chain.

It has an entrance porch, an entrance hallway, a spindled staircase, bay fronted lounge, rear extended lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, utility room, WC, garage, landing, three bedrooms and refitted bathroom. For further information on this property with real 'wow' factor contact Billingham Taylor on 01384 234900 or visit the website at www.billinghamtaylor.co.uk

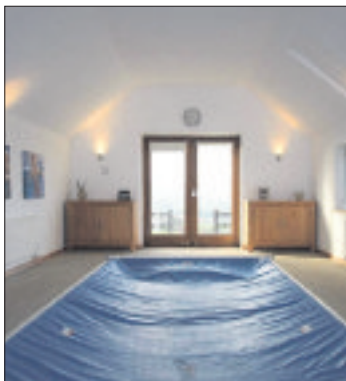


Barn conversion with pool has views over countryside



THE Cow Shed at Heightington, near Bewdley, is an extremely spacious four-bedroom barn conversion with exceptional countryside views and an indoor swimming pool.

It is for sale through Allan Morris at £599,950. Features include a large reception hall with vaulted ceilings, exposed beam work, full length windows and flagstone flooring, a study, a family room/games room with exposed floor boards and a log burner, WC, a breakfast kitchen with a double oven with hob and extractor hood, dishwasher, breakfast bar and flagstone flooring, a utility room, hall, laundry room, sitting room with vaulted ceilings, further WC, shower room, master bedroom with dressing room and en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, gardens with a pool. Contact Allan Morris on 01905 612266 or visit www.allan-morris.co.uk



Detached has two double bedrooms

HAVING had three extensions, this large two double bedroom semi-detached house on the popular Russells Hall Estate at Maitland Road, Dudley, has a downstairs wet room and WC as well as a first floor bathroom.

It is for sale through Trinity Property at £119,950 with no chain.

It has an entrance hall, lounge, rear extended reception room, an extended kitchen, downstairs wet room with a shower and WC, utility area, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front.

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- * EPC Rating - D

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COSELEY

NEW

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LOWER GORNAL

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NEW

Tennyson Road

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| Garden Room, Bathroom EPC - D



NEW

Wordsley 10 Auckland Road

£204,995 Kingswinford Office

| Stylish, 3 storey End Terrace Family Home
| Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen, Garage
| 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite & Bathroom EPC - C



Blakedown 9 Wannerton Road

| Det. House Close To The Village
| 3 Reception Rooms
| 4 Bedrooms Master With En-Suite
| Deposit £1,500 (EPC - E)

£1,300
PCM



NEW

Stourton 19 The Stewpony

| 5 Bed Det. Family Home
| Kitchen, Lounge & Dining Room
| Parking & Double Garage
| Deposit £1,500 (EPC - C)

£1,275
PCM



NOW LET

Hagley 11 Hall Lane

| 4 Bed Modern Detached House
| Double Garage & Driveway
| Front & Rear Garden With Patio
| Deposit £1,500 (EPC - C)

£1,200
PCM



Pedmore 22 Meon Rise

| Modern Detached House
| 4 Beds 2 With En-Suites
| Driveway For 2 Cars, Garage
| Deposit £1,500 (EPC - TBC)

£1,195
PCM



Greensforge Apt. 3 Greensforge

| Second Floor Duplex Apartment
| 3 Beds Master With En-Suite
| Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
| Deposit £1,000 (EPC - C)

£895
PCM



NEW PRICE

Kingswinford 4 Rushlight Gardens

| Modern Detached House
| Front Kitchen, Rear Lounge
| 3 Bedrooms, Master En-Suite
| Deposit £950 (EPC - C)

£795
PCM



Hagley 43 Chestnut Drive

| Mid-town House, 3 Beds
| Lounge, Kitchen & Bathroom
| Prime Cul-de-sac Location
| Deposit £850 (EPC - B)

£795
PCM



Gornal 83A Ellowes Road

| Modern Detached House
| 3 Double Bedrooms, Garage
| 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen
| Deposit £800 (EPC - D)

£695
PCM



NEW

Kingswinford 'The Nook' Summerhill

| Det. 2 Beds, Master En-Suite
| Rear Garden, Single Garage
| Kitchen, Lounge & Dining Room
| Deposit £750 (EPC - D)

£695
PCM



NOW LET

Norton 57 The Broadway

| 3 Bed Semi-Detached Bungalow
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| Rear Lounge, Kitchen
| Deposit £700 (EPC - D)

£650
PCM

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3 bed **Kilburn Place, NETHERTON**

NEW

A well presented three bedroom semi detached family home in this convenient location has surprisingly spacious accommodation comprising of an entrance hall, lounge, dining room open plan to kitchen, three good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing and central heating as well as off road parking to the front. Available with no upward chain

EPC: C
Offers Around **£99,950**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Queens Drive, ROWLEY REGIS**

NEW

A lovely three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential area with easy access to the motorway network. The centrally heated and double glazed and accommodation briefly comprises of entrance porch, reception hallway, lounge with stylish living flame gas fire, fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, on the first floor are three well proportioned bedrooms and the well appointed family bathroom. The property also benefits from a private rear garden and off-road parking to the front for a number of vehicles. Available with no upward chain

EPC: E
Offers Around **£159,950**

Netherton Office

2 bed **Ashes Road, OLDBURY**

NEW PRICE

Wow! This house offers an abundance of accommodation for the money, with three reception rooms and two double bedrooms, one with en-suite toilet. The property is in great condition generally and has double glazing and gas central heating. The back garden must be over 100m long and is well tended. This is a fantastic location within just a few minutes drive of Junction 2 of the M5 and is within walking distance of Rowley Regis Train Station with routes in to Birmingham and Wolverhampton! Available with No Upward Chain, an early viewing really will be essential to avoid disappointment.

EPC: E
Offers Around **£89,950**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Halesowen Road, CRADLEY HEATH**

NEW PRICE

We are pleased to offer For Sale this spacious three bedroom detached home situated in this highly convenient location with excellent access to all local amenities, the local road network and good access to Old Hill Train Station. The property offers good sized accommodation to comprise of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and to the first floor is three bedrooms and a bathroom. Also benefits from Gas central heating, double glazing, large driveway providing off road parking for a number of vehicles, good sized garage and rear garden! Call us today on 01384 456022 to arrange your viewing!

EPC: D
Offers Around **£149,950**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Heath Road, NETHERTON**

FOR SALE BY MODERN METHOD OF AUCTION

This property will be offered for sale on Wednesday 28th April at the Midland Stadium, Wolverhampton. Registration at 8.30pm with the auction starting at 10.00pm. A great opportunity for an investor - being released in price to reflect the limited lending available due to the Current Construction of the neighbouring properties. Although this property has undergone remedial works for the construction, mortgage lenders will not accept that the properties either side have not had remedial works carried out. This mid-land house is a surprisingly spacious and has a wonderfully sized rear garden. The frontage to the property can be used for parking, however, the land has not been owned but is not very high. On the ground floor there is a recently redecorated lounge with large fireplace and bay window to the front aspect. To the first floor is a large kitchen with open fire, dining table that over looks the rear garden with built-in cupboards, sink, oven and tiled decking area. On the first floor are two double bedrooms, a decent size third bedroom and a family bathroom with white suite and shower over the bath. An early viewing is recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

FOR SALE BY MODERN METHOD OF AUCTION **EPC: D**
Starting Bid **£75,000**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Trysull Way, NETHERTON**

SOLD STC

A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached family home in this popular location. The spacious accommodation comprises of a porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, shower room. Outside there is a large driveway providing off road parking for a number of vehicles with gated access to the rear garden, which has a low maintenance seating area, steps down to a patio and access to the detached garage. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this lovely home.

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED **EPC: TBC**
Offers Around **£144,950**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Clifton Street, CRADLEY HEATH**

NEW

With NO UPWARD CHAIN, this three bedroom semi detached home offers surprising spacious accommodation in need of some cosmetic improvements. This is a great opportunity for first time buyers and families alike. The accommodation is centrally heated and double glazed and comprises briefly of: entrance hallway, downstairs w.c., lounge and dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master and house bathroom. To the rear of the property is a garden and garage. This property is within walking distance of Old Hill Train Station so offers commuters a great opportunity. Shops and other amenities are nearby.

EPC:
Offers Around **£145,000**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Forest Road, OLDBURY**

NEW PRICE

A much improved and extended three double bedroom home. Situated in this highly convenient location with excellent access to all local amenities and Birmingham City Centre. The property offers good sized accommodation to comprise of Entrance Hall, Two good sized reception rooms, Extended kitchen diner, utility room, downstairs w.c., to the first floor is three double bedrooms with en-suite to main bedroom and family bathroom. The property also benefits from being double glazed, gas centrally heated with ample off road parking, integral garage and rear garden.

EPC: D
Offers Around **£229,950**

Netherton Office

4 bed **Buffery Road, DUDLEY**

NEW PRICE

WOW! A rare opportunity to purchase a large semi detached family home. This is a fantastic purchase for the larger family or possibly an ideal investment for conversion in to multiple occupancy accommodation (subject to permissions). Buffery Road is a popular position for families within Dudley due to its ideal location to bus routes in to Dudley Town centre and other local areas. The property is within walking distance of parks and Halesowen Hill Nature Reserve. The property offers the following accommodation: Entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen diner, ground floor shower room, down stairs bedroom/hall reception room, four bedrooms on the first floor and a loft bedroom, driveway to the front providing parking for a number of vehicles and rear garden.

EPC: D
Offers Over **£205,000**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Griffin Street, NETHERTON**

EPC: E

An opportunity to purchase a deceptively spacious and well maintained three bedroom modern semi detached family home conveniently situated just a short walk away from the local amenities of Netherton village, schools and road links. The property is also within good access of Halesowen Hill Nature Reserve. There is accommodation to comprise of large entrance hall, lounge, CONSERVATORY, newly fitted kitchen diner, three great sized bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating with recently fitted boiler, garage and drive to the front, good sized rear garden housing a brick built out building and summerhouse. A viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer.

EPC: E
Offers Around **£136,950**

Netherton Office

1 bed **The Parade, DUDLEY**

NEW

EPC: TBC

A FLAT WITH NO SERVICE CHARGE... what could be better?.. A flat with no service charge and ground rent of just 745 per annum - this recently refurbished one bedroom first floor apartment in a central location with really well presented accommodation comprising of, large open plan lounge and kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom. The property benefits from double glazing and central heating and has an allocated off road parking space. Available with no upward chain. This flat seems to have it all at this attractive price so view early to avoid disappointment. Ideal purchase for first time buyer or buy to let investor, a rent of 725/pcm could be achievable.

EPC: TBC
Offers Around **£69,950**

Netherton Office

3 bed **Kingsley Street, Netherton**

SOLD STC

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED **EPC: F**

A beautifully presented three bedroom mid terrace property set in a quiet back water location close to all the amenities that Netherton has to offer. With delightful spacious accommodation comprising of, lounge, breakfast kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms to the first floor, house bathroom with corner bath, on the top floor is a large bedroom with potential to create an en-suite bathroom. Externally the property has a lovely low maintenance rear garden and to the front is a large driveway providing off road parking for a number of vehicles. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

EPC: F
Offers Around **£105,950**

Netherton Office

4 bed **Mucklow Hill, HALESOWEN**

NEW PRICE

EPC: D

We are delighted to introduce to the discerning buyer this fantastic four bedroom home. The property offers well presented family accommodation with FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS. The property is located in a popular and convenient location close to local schools, amenities and transport links - Junction 3 of the M5 is just a few minutes drive away and Birmingham City Centre is less than a 15 minute drive away. The property offers accommodation comprising of Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, ground floor w.c., four double bedrooms - master with en-suite, family bathroom, double glazing and central heating, driveway, side garden and tandem garage. A viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

EPC: D
Offers Around **£427,500**

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£244,950



SEDGLEY, Rowena Gardens, Northway
ENLARGED gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached with; hall, cloaks, 18 ft living/ dining room, sitting room, enlarged kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, car port, garage, extensive parking. Stunning garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Was £242,500.....NOW £229,995



Kingswinford, Auckland Road
Enjoying DELIGHTFUL DISTANT VIEWS, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOME is located within this highly sought after address, well placed for local amenities within Kingswinford / Wordsley, and offering a very generous layout of well presented / appointed accommodation, plus a DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a tiered and beautifully landscaped rear garden. EPC D

£229,950



LANESFIELD, NEW DEVELOPMENT, Plot 1, Mount Road
Just TWO, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalows nearing completion comprising; hall, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, kitchen with range of units. GARAGE. Further details Sedgley Office, SAP:TBA

Plot 1: 0/A £169,950



COSELEY, Maslin Drive, Hurst Hill
Improved, Freehold, gas centrally, uPVC double glazed detached BUNGALOW conveniently situated in quiet backwater (private driveway approach) comprising; entrance hallway, lounge/ dining room, kitchen, LARGE CONSERVATORY, inner hallway, two bedrooms, shower room. Parking, garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £164,950



SEDGLEY, Dormston Drive
Situating within walking distance of Bull Ring; a gas radiator centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached comprising; hallway, cloaks, 24'5" through living/dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, block paving, garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY

New price Was £162,950...NOW £160,950



WOODSETTON, Vicarage Road West
uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, double fronted detached bungalow occupying an impressive plot set in established/convenient neighbourhood. Conscientiously maintained but would benefit from some sympathetic updating the accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, cloaks, two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, breakfast kitchen, utility room and an exceptionally large garage, gardens. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the Region of £160,000



COSELEY, Maslin Drive, Hurst Hill
Gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in quiet secluded location. Accommodation includes; entrance hallway, living/dining room, kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, shower room. Driveway & parking, brick garage, garden. SEDGLEY EPC: D.

Office in the Region of £154,950



DUDLEY WOOD, Crabourne Road
This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, EXTENDED, TWO BEDROOM HOME, comprises; Hall, Sitting Room, Well Fitted Dining Kitchen, Dining Room, Further Reception Room - (Could be used as a Third Bedroom), Two First Floor Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC C

New price £129,950



Dudley, Old Park Road
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Traditional, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed. THREE bedroom semi detached offering significant potential & briefly comprising; lounge, kitchen/diner. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Good sized enclosed rear garden. SEDGLEY EPC: E.

Offers in the Region of £124,950



DUDLEY WOOD, Crabourne Road
This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, SEMI DETACHED HOME, ENJOYS A LOVELY SETTING and comprises; Sitting Room, Dining Room, Impressive Kitchen Diner, Utility, Guests Cloakroom, TWO BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Driveway (No Dropped Kerb), Garage (Access Required) and Rear Garden. EPC D

New price £119,995



DUDLEY, Bramble Green
A conscientiously maintained, significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient district. The accommodation includes; reception hall, through living/dining room, breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of appliances, through lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, garden, off road parking. EPC:T.B.A., SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £116,950



COSELEY, Pemberton Road

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Centrally Heated
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Double Garage
- Private rear garden
- Close to Rail/Bus Routes
- EPC Rating: E (SEDGLEY OFFICE)

Offers in the region of £116,450



UPPER GORNAL, Inhedge Street
Stylish, tremendously enhanced, modernised & improved, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated, traditional terrace in quiet "backwater". Accommodation provides; lounge, inner lobby, sitting room (WITH LOG BURNER), rear lobby, refitted kitchen with a range of "walnut" effect units. Two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes/one with cupboard), reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite. Garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price Was £102,000...NOW £99,950



LOWER GORNAL, Barr Street
EXTREMELY STYLISH! Tremendously modernised and fully refurbished gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed traditional terrace within walking distance of the village comprising lounge, inner hallway, dining room, cellar, utility room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'satin white' finish units and various appliances, two bedrooms, reappointed / re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Delightful sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £98,000



NETHERTON, Round Street
This LARGE, TRADITIONAL, END TERRACE PROPERTY is delightfully decorated throughout and comprises; TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, Cellar, Well Fitted Kitchen, Large Bathroom, TWO GENEROUS BEDROOMS and Rear Garden. EPC: D

£93,950



KINGSWINFORM, Mimosa Walk
A VERY IMPRESSIVE & RE-APPOINTED ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT with a private rear garden and GARAGE, well placed within 'Blanford Mere', providing GENEROUS/ and WELL PRESENTED accommodation. EPC TBA

£89,950



COSELEY, Ettingshall Road
This extended semi-detached family home is situated in a popular residential area local to amenities and offers exceptional opportunity for improvement. The spacious property benefits from central heating, part double glazing off road parking, THREE BEDROOMS and NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £89,950



Dudley, Parkway Road

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A TRADITIONAL, SUBSTANTIAL AND EXTENDED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME overlooking GRANGE PARK and having FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS and THREE RECEPTION ROOMS. Also Comprising: Hall, Kitchen, Conservatory, TWO BATHROOMS, Guests Cloakroom, Driveway, Large Garden. EPC:

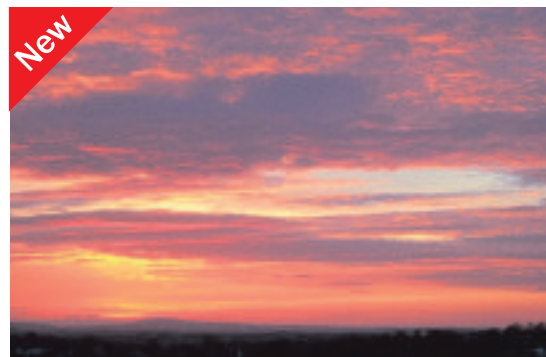
£199,950



SEDGLEY, The Priory

gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed family home within level walking distance of Bullring. Accommodation: entrance vestibule, reception hall, cloaks, sitting room, inner hallway/store, upgraded utility room, first floor landing with balcony off, kitchen, 'L' shape living/dining room. Second floor landing with three bedrooms and bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £169,950



SEDGLEY, Moden Hill

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY! Full planning consent secured to construct a magnificent detached split level family home with an overall house foot print of 200 sq metres. The plot slopes from East to West (fronting onto Snowden Rise) and it enjoys an unrivalled ELEVATED POSITION with magnificent panoramic DISTANT VIEWS to the West. Plans, drawings and other calculations are all for inspection at Sedgley Office. Viewing on site strictly by appointment. Offers based on £150,000 to be received for the Vendors consideration by MIDDAY on FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015.

Offers based on £150,000 by 15.5.15



DUDLEY, Richborough Drive

Significantly enhanced, stylish, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed semi detached upon favoured development. Accommodation provides hall, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with upgraded range of units and patio doors out to garden, store. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathrooms, lengthy drive, rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £151,950



Dudley, Sledmore Road

This THOUGHTFULLY EXTENDED and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME comprises: Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, Lovely Dining Room, Contemporary Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, Modern Bathroom, Driveway, Garage, Established Rear Garden. EPC D

£139,950



WOODSETTON, Roper Way

A much improved and beautifully presented, EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated modern starter home benefitting from THREE BEDROOMS, living room, dining room, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and parking for multiple vehicles to the front. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the Region of £134,950



SEDGLEY/WOODSETTON, Roper Way

Stylish, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: entrance hallway, 16'10" lounge, understairs store, REFITTED kitchen. Two bedrooms, bathroom (heated floor). 17'3" x 10'1" garage, garden. EPC: D, SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £130,000



PENSNETT, Teviot Gardens

This STYLISH AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY is delightfully decorated throughout and comprises: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, Attractive Sitting Room, Contemporary Kitchen with Dining Area, THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS, Modern Bathroom, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC:E

£129,950



COSELEY, Cherrywood Close

Most conveniently situated (within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes) a gas centrally heated, double glazed intermediate 'starter home' comprising entrance hallway, fitted cloak room, lounge, upgrade breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite and chrome fittings, parking to front and a 'low maintenance' slab/gravel rear garden. EPC Rating C

Offers in the Region of £115,500



COSELEY, Rounds Hill Road

A modernised and conscientiously maintained freehold gas centrally heated and mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities, bus/rail routes etc and providing reception hall, pantry, 25ft through living/dining room. (formally two separate rooms) upgraded kitchen with various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, delightful well tendered rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the Region of £110,000



NETHERTON, Greaves Road

This SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY benefits from a HUGE GARDEN and has massive potential to create a superb family home. Comprising: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, Kitchen Diner, Sitting Room, THREE BEDROOMS, Shower Room, Driveway, Garage, Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC D

£105,000



DUDLEY, Corbyn Road

AN IMPRESSIVE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE WHICH is well placed, offering SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVED accommodation, all WELL APPOINTED, with TWO GOOD BEDROOMS. Set beyond the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY and with a LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC D.

New price

Offers Around £104,950



PENSNETT, Blewitt Street

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£99,950



UPPER GORNAL, Hillary Crest

Much improved, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED, Ground Floor flat with allocated parking. Front and rear gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. SEDGLEY. EPC Rating C.

Offers in the Region of £87,500



BROCKMOOR, High Street

This comprehensively refurbished and modernised, TWO BEDROOM, TERRACE PROPERTY would make the PERFECT FIRST HOME and comprises: Two Reception Rooms, Contemporary Re-Fitted Kitchen, Modern Re-Appointed Shower Room, Two First Floor Bedrooms and Off Road Parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC D

New price

£82,950



LOWER GORNAL, Orchard Grove

A well presented FIRST FLOOR part PVC double glazed, most conveniently situated within walking distance of the village and many other amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall (with extensive storage), lounge, kitchen, store, two double bedrooms, bathroom, allocated garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £82,950



PENSNETT, Chapel Street

A rare opportunity to acquire a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED GROUND FLOOR FLAT with its own LOVELY REAR GARDEN and CONSERVATORY. Comprising: Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, Modern Re-Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, DOUBLE BEDROOM, Bathroom, Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC: D

£76,950



PENSNETT, Tansey Court, Birds Meadow

This SPACIOUS MODERN FIRST FLOOR FLAT enjoys a pleasant location and offers a 'self contained' layout with REFITTED KITCHEN and a LARGE 16'6" BEDROOM. With PARKING and overlooking lawned gardens. EPC: C. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

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Refurbished two-bedroom detached with an annexe



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It has two reception rooms (one with stairs off), a fitted breakfast kitchen with French doors, beech-effect units and granite-effect working surfaces, an integral electric oven, five ring gas hob over and cooker hood above, breakfast bar and polished stone flooring, WC, two double bedrooms, a shower room, a fantastic annexe giving extra living/working space, gas central heating and double glazing. For further information contact Hicks Hadley on 0121 5856667 or visit www.hickshadley.com



Home with gardens and vegetable patch



THIS attractive, traditional four-bedroom detached property in Coalway Road, Wolverhampton, comes with rear gardens including a vegetable patch.

Having many traditional features, this well presented home is for sale through Reeds Rains at £280,000.

It has a driveway; porch; entrance hall with stairs off; lounge with a gas fireplace, dining room, kitchen/dining room with an oven, gas hob and extractor, side vestibule, utility, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes and one with a basin), bathroom and separate WC. Outside is a garage and a rear garden.

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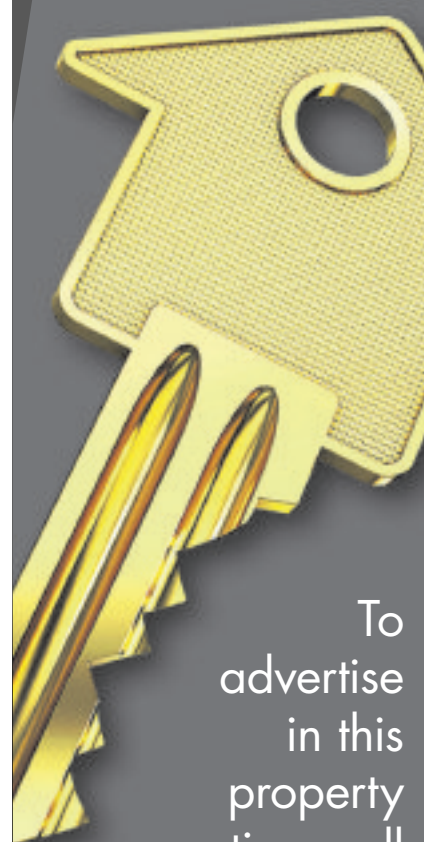
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"Baxters Cottage", Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, DY7 - £330,000

This charming and quaint four bedroom detached cottage is set near the border of Stourton and Kinver and is handily located for many amenities, as well as being practical for commuters to the surrounding areas. It has been a labour of love for the current owners and has undergone many improvements over the years. In brief, accommodation comprises an entrance hall, living room with log burner, kitchen with defined dining area and a ground floor shower room with four bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. There is also a plenty of loft space for storage. Outside, there is a good sized driveway to the front of the house with a detached garage, a small front garden and a meticulously maintained rear/side garden with courtyard and BBQ area.

REDUCED!



Silver Birch Drive, Kinver, DY7 - £209,950

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, this detached, two bedroom bungalow would benefit from some improvements however offers plenty of potential and is positioned in a sought after, quiet cul-de-sac off White Hill. Accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, living room, dining area, kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms, conservatory and shower room. In addition there are front and rear gardens, a driveway, gas central heating and uPVC double glazing.

NEW!



Bower Lane, Quarry Bank, DY5 - £147,500

Located within close proximity to Merry Hill, Quarry Bank High Street and Stevens Park, this newly refurbished, traditional semi-detached house would make a great first home. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom with gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. There is a sunny rear garden and a double driveway to the front. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

NEW!



Dickinson Road, Wombourne, WV5 - £190,000

This successfully extended, semi-detached home offers a wealth of downstairs living space with four bedrooms to the first floor and would make a fantastic family home. It is conveniently located in a cul-de-sac not too far from the heart of Wombourne and needs to be viewed to be appreciated. In brief, accommodation includes an entrance hall, guest WC, extended lounge, garden room, extended kitchen, four bedrooms and bathroom, all with gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. There is also plenty of off road parking, a separate garage and sunny rear garden which is not overlooked.

NEW!



Dadford View, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £82,500

Perfect for both first time buyers and investors, this modern, two bedroom end of terrace house sits on a corner plot and benefits from having its own private driveway. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge with space gas fire and space for a dining table, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and uPVC double glazing. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.

NEW!



Ketley Road, Kingswinford, DY6 - £137,500

Tucked away in a small cul-de-sac just off Granville Drive, this semi-detached, family home is in need of some improvement but offers great potential and has extensive views across the local field. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, through lounge/diner, kitchen, three double bedrooms and family bathroom as well as having gas central heating and double glazing. Finally, there is a driveway and garage as well as front and rear gardens.

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3 bed Sanders Close, DUDLEY

SOLD STC

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED! EPC: B

This is one not to be missed. Set in a pretty cul-de-sac location this three bedroom semi detached ex-police house benefits from: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen with diner, utility housing a ground floor w.c., three bedrooms, shower room, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) front and rear garden with side drive way ideal for extending (with relevant permissions). This is a convenient location on the Dudley/Rowley Regis border and is a short walk from Warrens Hall Nature Reserve. An viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the property on offer.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£129,950**

2 bed St Johns Street, NETHERTON

SOLD STC

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED! EPC: E

This lovely two bedroom end terrace property has an array of original features, including fireplaces and picture rails and offers a fantastic opportunity as a family home or a buy to let investment (potential rental return is around 75,940 per annum) and has well presented accommodation comprising lounge, lobby, kitchen diner, two good sized bedrooms, lovely bright bathroom. Externally there is a pleasant low maintenance rear garden. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£90,000**

2 bed Farm Road, ROWLEY REGIS

NEW

IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE! This well presented semi detached home is located in a popular residential estate having double glazing and central heating (Worcester Bosch boiler) and a new roof was added to the house just a couple of years ago. This property comprises of: entrance hallway, living room, dining kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and house bathroom. To the front of the property is a driveway (no dropped kerb) and to the rear is a neat garden with outbuilding providing storage. Farm Road is within easy access of bus routes as well as being within walking distance of Brookhouse Primary School, St Michaels C.E. High School and Rowley Regis Hospital. An early viewing is recommended to fully appreciate this great house.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£109,950**

4 bed Coppice Lane, QUARRY BANK

NEW

A stunning blend of Victorian style and contemporary modern convenience, this immaculately presented property has been lovingly restored and brought into the 21st century whilst retaining bags of original character, plus it's only a short walk from Merry Hill and all the restaurants and shops that has to offer. Available with no upward chain this spacious FOUR bedroom home has gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation comprising of an entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, sitting/dining room, breakfast room, fitted kitchen with magnificent range cooker oven, on the first floor are the four bedrooms and the house bathroom (complete with the compulsory roll top bath). There is also a full height cellar, which would make a perfect wine cellar. Externally the property has a drive to the front providing off road parking, a gated side access gives pedestrian access to the beautiful private low maintenance rear garden with well presented outside w.c. that's useful for children playing outside and for guests at garden parties! Viewing essential.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£179,950**

Land Newick Street, NETHERTON

NEW PRICE

REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY EPC: G

Unconditional offers are invited for our clients unencumbered interest in this plot (existing dwelling remains and will need to be demolished) with outline planning consent for 2no. 4 bedroom detached houses (P15/0237)

Netherton Office Offers Around **£100,000**

3 bed Ardley Close, DUDLEY

NEW PRICE

Set in a quiet cul de sac location Ardley Close is a perfect first time but or investment opportunity. Ardley Close will particularly appeal to people looking to put their own stamp on a property. The property is situated in walking distance to Dudley Town Centre that also has a bus station. Buffery Park is in close proximity together with some local shops at nearby Dixons Green. The property comprises of: Entrance porch, lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, three spacious bedrooms, family shower room, double glazing, front and rear garden and a garage in a separate block. The property also benefits from no upward chain.

Netherton Office Offers Over **£90,000**

2 bed Cradley Road, NETHERTON

NEW PRICE

A lovely, two bedroom traditional semi detached home benefitting from a block paved driveway to the front, easily maintained and good sized rear garden, double glazing and central heating. Perfect for a first time buyer or small family. A buyer could come in and truly put their own stamp on this property, which is conveniently located between Netherton and Cradley Heath - you would be within walking distance of shops, schools, bus stops and within excellent access of Cradley Heath Train Station with regular links in to Birmingham City Centre. The accommodation comprises of two reception rooms, kitchen with extended dining area, ground floor shower room and two bedrooms on the first floor. No upward chain.

Netherton Office Offers Over **£105,000**

3 bed Abingdon Road, NETHERTON

NEW PRICE

EPC: C

We are pleased to offer this three bedroom mid terrace property, situated in a popular residential location close to schools, amenities and road links. This is a fantastic opportunity for families and couples. The property comprises of: entrance hall, through lounge diner, kitchen diner, ground floor w.c., three bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing and warm air heating, drive way to the front, garden and large garage to the rear. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, viewing is a must!

Netherton Office Offers Around **£124,995**

3 bed Cradley Road, NETHERTON

NEW PRICE

First time buyers and young families should take this opportunity to purchase a three bedroom semi detached home in this convenient location near to shops, schools and amenities. The property needs some cosmetic updating so is ideal for those who want to put their own stamp on their new home. The property comprises of: Porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated, driveway and garage to the front and a private rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£115,000**

3 bed Hailstone Close, ROWLEY REGIS

NEW PRICE

IDEAL FAMILY HOME! A three bedroom semi-detached home in need of cosmetic modernisation situated in this popular cul-de-sac location backing onto the golf course. The property is well positioned for access to the West Midlands road network and local town centres and benefits from accommodation to comprise of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and to the first floor is three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, secondary glazing, off road parking, landscaped front and rear gardens.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£139,950**

3 bed Kingsley Street, NETHERTON

EPC: D

AN IDEAL PURCHASE FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER OR INVESTOR. A traditional three storey, three bedroom home situated in this convenient yet quiet location, which has good access to the local amenities of Netherton Village, public transport links and Merry Hill Shopping Centre. There is accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and a family shower room to the first floor with stairs rising to the loft conversion providing a third bedroom. The property benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed and has a courtyard style rear garden.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£84,950**

3 bed Oakham Avenue, DUDLEY

NEW PRICE

THIS IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, traditional, semi detached family home is a must see! Oakham Avenue is a sought after location just off the Oakham Road being just a short drive to both Junction 2 of the M5 and Rowley Regis Train Station. This home boasts three bedrooms, open plan lounge and dining room, conservatory, IMPRESSIVE BREAKFAST KITCHEN, utility room, garage (used as storage room only), three bedrooms and recently refitted house bathroom. To the rear is a family friendly garden. Book an early viewing to avoid missing out on this great opportunity.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£179,950**

7 bed Gibson Drive, SMETHWICK

EPC: C

A rare opportunity! This well presented, three storey family home offers spacious and well planned accommodation boasting seven bedrooms, two reception rooms, utility kitchen, office room, downstairs cloakroom together with two further bedrooms and separate shower room. This would really suit a large family or someone looking for a property to convert into a HMO. This property is conveniently situated close to most amenities, and benefitting from central heating, double glazing and off road parking. Having the added benefit of being a very short walk from the nearest train station and being less than a 5 minute drive away from Junction 1 of the M5. An early viewing is recommended.

Netherton Office Offers Around **£230,000**



Stand out from the crowd in Lexus NX

By Iain Dooley

Not feeling the love for the current crop of streamlined, me-too compact premium SUVs? Lexus might have the answer with its radically-styled NX 200t

Lexus, the premium arm of Japanese car maker Toyota, slowly continues to grow its line-up with the addition of a compact crossover model rivaling the likes of Range Rover's Evoque and Audi's Q5. And in a change in direction from its conservative offerings from the recent past, visually this new NX could never be described as conservative; its edgy appearance easily sets it apart from its less edgy rivals and the rest of the Lexus range.

And it's not just the car's looks that are a departure from the norm.

Lexus might be well known for its hybrid models, but this particular NX boasts a new 2.0-litre turbo petrol engine. Lexus is pitching this 200t model as a mildly sporting variant, and is reinforcing this decision by selling the car in visually arresting F Sport trim.

Lexus isn't exactly famous for producing radical-looking cars. To date, its offerings have presented a more conservative face to the world than its main rivals. This has ensured success in its main markets, but the 'edgy' NX is tasked with appealing to a younger audience. And good luck finding a curve; this compact SUV possesses more straight lines than a ruler factory, which certainly helps it stand out from the less adventurous crowd in the supermarket car park or outside the school gates. Yes it's an SUV and yes, in 200t guise, it comes with all-wheel drive – but don't expect any Land Rover-like heroics.

Spacious

Despite being labelled a 'compact' SUV, the NX is a pleasingly spacious and versatile machine. For a five-door, five-seat car its cabin offers adult occupants ample space in a suitably plush environment. Oddment storage space is good and, if you've got the right kit, there's even provision to wirelessly charge a mobile phone.

At the back, the car's raised ride height pays off in the form of a usefully high boot load lip, making it ideal for when you're shifting bulky or heavy items.

Lexus is pitching this particular NX as a sporty model, which explains the presence of a 235 horsepower 2.0-litre turbo petrol motor in lieu of the usual petrol-electric hybrid set-up. The F Sport trim level should be another clue, which adds subtle design add-ons that help to boost the car's visual appeal further. As if to reinforce Lexus' desire to position this NX as driver-centric, the car comes with all-wheel drive as standard.

The end result is a willing companion that proves more agile than its SUV underpinnings suggest. The emphasis is still very much on comfort and refinement but the car's turbo motor doesn't disappoint when you want to have some fun. Direct steering, predictable gear changes from the auto 'box and a firm but measured ride all work well together.

Lexus has been generous with the amount of kit that's available for this NX. True to form, there's electric everything plus keyless entry and ignition, parking sensors, a premium audio unit and a plush interior trimmed in quality materials. You'll need to dig a little deeper if you want one of the two sat-nav options but that's about it.

On paper, then, this NX 200t shames its immediate rivals in the creature comfort department. Being petrol only it can't quite match its hybrid stablemate or diesel rivals for outright economy and CO2, although low mileage private buyers are unlikely to view this as a major issue.

Not a fan of hybrid or diesel engines and prefer straight lines to curves? If so, this rather adventurously styled NX in 'petrol only' guise might suit your needs. On the whole it's well-equipped, while its sporty look mostly translates into a sporty driving experience. If you want some fun behind the wheel of a compact SUV this turbo petrol NX offers a brisk and entertaining experience. Plus there's no shame in wanting to stand out from the crowd, which is something you'll struggle to achieve in the car's many European rivals.



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Jeep is ready to compete

By Ian Donaldson

Jeep might be famous the world over for building cars that will climb mountains, but the brand is digging itself out of a pit that could have seen it sink into obscurity.

In Europe at least, where a Jeep spokesman admitted, as the latest model – the Renegade – was launched, “back in 2012 we were teetering on the edge.”

Dealers were losing an average of more than £130,000 a year and lots of them jumped ship, heading for brands that might make them a decent living. Things, in short, could not have looked bleaker.

Well, what a difference three years can make. The car you are reading about today is not only the first Jeep to be built outside the United States (in Italy, actually) it is also confidently expected to quickly become by far the best selling Jeep in the UK, making dealers very happy indeed.

Built in the same Italian plant as the Fiat 500X and sharing important bits like engines and gearboxes, the Renegade is aimed squarely at the likes of the Nissan Juke and Mini Countryman; both cars that attract a fanatical following of owners happy to pay a solid price for a car that makes them feel good about themselves.

They inhabit a part of the car market (for smaller SUVs) that is expanding faster than a politician's election promises, as European buyers fall for the charms of cars that look a lot like unaffordable and wilderness conquering 4x4s but really cost little more to run than a family hatchback.

Credibility

The Jeep Renegade will do a fair impression of an Everest hero, even if its target audience – politely called “the young at heart” – never venture further off road than the field at the local car boot sale. Why, a fifth of buyers are expected to lease a car with their mobility allowance and most Renegades won't even be all-wheel drive.

What they all have, Jeep must hope, is a name that carries decades of credibility among people hankering after daily transport that rises above the merely practical.

With prices starting at £16,995 for a decently equipped 1.6 litre petrol model with air con, DAB radio, Bluetooth and alloy wheels, the Renegade looks convincing even before you turn the key in the ignition.

There are diesels to choose from too (Jeep thinks there might be an even-ish split on types of fuel) and four trim levels, all the way to the £27,995 Limited with 2.0 litre diesel engine, all-wheel drive and nine-speed automatic gearbox.

Most will hardly venture off road, but bold owners who opt for the 4x4 models will discover a car capable of taking a quite demanding series of hills and hollows, and a seashore being washed by an incoming tide, if they choose the route of the press drive for the newcomer, on the east coast of Scotland around North Berwick.

They might be more surprised (after all, Jeep is never backward in coming forward about the brand's off-road prowess) is the way the Renegade tackles a British side road; the heavier diesel in particular impressing with its gentle, quiet progress.

The 2.0 litre on test managed 39mpg (the notably slower but cheaper 1.4 litre petrol did 33mpg) and never felt lacking for power. It also presented an interior different enough to be interesting and just the right side of kitsch, with its little tributes to Jeep's heritage dotted about – 31 of them all told, from a red line on the rev counter marked like a smear of mud, to a tiny WWII Jeep outline on the windscreen surround.

The top ranking Renegade impressed. Here is a car to give the equally style conscious Nissan Juke a run for its money.



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Price is right for package that's well put together

By Bill McCarthy

As the name Great Wall Motors Company implies, it is a Chinese vehicle manufacturer and still pretty anonymous outside its homeland.

That became apparent when anyone inspecting the Steed asked: "What is it?"

Great Wall is one of China's largest automotive manufacturers and with the launch of the Steed pick-up in 2012, it became the first manufacturer from that country to commence volume vehicle sales in the United Kingdom.

Revamped for 2015, it offers the cheapest pick-up vehicle on the market in the UK, with plenty on offer for a bargain basement £14,998 as a commercial vehicle on the road price (CVOTR).

It also comes with a six-year, 120,000 mile warranty reasonable running costs. It must be half-decent, a million have been sold worldwide.

Despite being a pick-up workhorse, it does not lack in the looks area, despite its boxy, out of necessity, appearance. It looks upmarket with the stylish paintwork, high set headlamps, a deep grille and air scoop, built-in driving lights built into the bumpers giving it an individual look, as does the never-recognised Great Wall badge.

Just like many of its competitors, it is designed to be as much a 'life-style' kind of vehicle as an off-road all-wheel drive workhorse/load lugger. So it can ferry the family's wet and muddy paraphernalia or pets around as well as lugging bricks, building materials or farm equipment with its one-tonne payload.

For family use, fixing some nets and stays in the load area would be a good idea to stop stuff flying around, while access is through the hard top is via a rear window and a heavy drop down tailgate, which is robust enough to be stood on.

The firm says it has been designed to meet European safety standards and with a price which seriously undercuts the opposition.

You would think with a bargain basement price, it would be bargain basement quality, but the big vehicle proved surprisingly well put together, generously equipped and performed very well.

Flexible

The double cab is well laid out, if looking more dated than the exterior, with leather finish and logically placed buttons, dials and stalks. Some of the fixtures and fittings however, do not match the quality of some of its more established rivals.

Powered by a flexible and torquey 140bhp two-litre diesel engine, mated to a slightly vague, six-speed gearbox, it is a willing worker, if a bit raucous under acceleration. It is reasonably economical and is pretty cheap to insure as well. Claimed economy is 32.8mpg with CO2 emissions competitive at 222g/km.

Braked towing capacity is decent, if not class leading with 2.5 tonne capacity available.

On the road, the car rides reasonably comfortably, although it gets jiggly over rougher roads and responds well to the steering wheel. A long, 100-mile drive proved surprisingly pleasant given the hard suspension.

Switching to off-road is done manually with both high and low ratio four-wheel drive available.

The S entry model includes 16" alloy wheels, a leather interior, individually heated seats, Alpine CD/USB/RDS Radio and electric windows throughout. The Steed SE tested here has a £2k premium and adds gets the body-coloured hard top canopy, rear parking sensors, a cargo load-liner and chrome sidebars as well as the useful running boards and roof bars.

All models come with twin airbags, an anti-lock braking system and electronic brake force distribution for added protection.

Lack of a large network of dealers is a drawback, but it is cheap to buy, economical to run, well equipped and stylish, plus that six-year warranty.

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Grounds for appeal as Tivi face relegation

Mickleover Sports 0 Tivdale 1
INDIVIDUAL talent, debatable incidents and a sprinkling of controversy were the ingredients for a pulsating game of football at Mickleover Sports Raygar Stadium.

In the end another piece of brilliance proved the stand out moment in another superb Tivdale performance.

The home side began the game knowing that two wins from their final four games would guarantee promotion to the Evo-Stik Premier.

And it took until the last 20 minutes for the deadlock to be broken. Tivdale won a free kick on the edge of the Mickleover box and before it was taken the visitors made a substitution replacing Chris Field with dead ball supremo Leigh Downing and he hit a stunning free kick that curled over the wall and dipped under the crossbar and into the net.

Tivdale, however, face relegation from the Northern League after officials ruled their Packwood Road ground is not up to scratch.

The club is to appeal the decision.

A ground grading committee from the Northern League and the FA refused them the 'grade D' status they need to stay in the Northern League Division One South, reportedly on health and safety grounds. They now face relegation back to the Midland Football League.

Tivi won promotion from the Midland Alliance – which has since been absorbed into the new Midland Football League – last season and were given a year to meet the requirements for grade D.

Defeated Reanne takes positives



Reanne Evans in action against Ken Doherty

DUDLEY'S Reanne Evans thanked the hundreds of fans who supported her after losing 10-8 to 1997 world champion Ken Doherty.

The loss cost her the chance of becoming the first woman to play in the main draw of the World Championship. The 29-year-old mother-of-one said she struggled to adjust to the table, but was looking at the positives.

She said: "It was a struggle, the whole game was scrappy but I just dug in there."

"I'm happy to have stuck in there with a player who has been world champion and has so much experience, and to have given him a fright. I'm not used to playing these long matches so it's good experience for me."

"There's no reason why I can't beat people like Ken if I play a bit better. I've got to take the positives."

"I just couldn't manage to take control of the match. I didn't play my best, I just scrapped and fought all the way. If it had gone 9-9 I think I would have won."

After the match, Evans tweeted her thanks to those that had supported her.

Doherty said: "I don't usually have sympathy with players when I beat them. But I said to Reanne at the end that if she had been playing anyone else I would have been rooting for her."

"She deserved to win because she played better than me. She's a good player and she should be given more chances on the tour."

Hales land double sponsorship boost

HIMLEY skipper Greg Wright admitted his team probably will not face a tougher test this season after being knocked out of the Graham Williamson Trophy by Shrewsbury.

The Stourbridge Road club were comfortably beaten by 137 runs on their own patch against a visiting side who are likely to challenge for the Birmingham League Premier Division title this season.

And ahead of his own team's campaign in Division One, Wright said it was a useful run-out.

"We came across the toughest possible opposition we could have had," he said.

"It was the kind of big challenge we needed and despite the score, it was a useful run-out."

Worcestershire youngster Joe Leach's knock of 85, from 68 balls, ensured the visitors would rack up an imposing score of 278-7 from 40 overs.

Himley's chase was always likely to be nominal but there were encouraging performances from Stuart Wedge, who hit 41, and Mike Jones, with 38, in their total of 141-7.

Himley face West Bromwich Dartmouth in the Williamson Plate competition next week, after last season's Premier Division champions lost by 74 runs to Wolverhampton. Walsall beat Sutton Coldfield, while Kidderminster Victoria went down by 14 runs at Barnet Green.

Meanwhile, Halesowen Cricket Club have been handed a double boost ahead of the new season.

The ambitious Seth Somers Park outfit have landed two new sponsorship deals, from locally based retailer The Big Pet Store and West Bromwich solicitors Clark Brookes Turner Cary.

In a pre-season game at the weekend, a team led by first XI skipper Faisal Shahid took on Chester based tourists Barrow CC, who made 204 in 40 overs.

An undefeated half century from Wes Griffiths took them within sight of victory before the match was abandoned after a heavy shower with Halesowen just 30 short with six overs remaining.

Former World Darts semi-finalist Wayne Mardle will be appearing live in the clubhouse for their first ever exhibition evening on Wednesday April 29. Tickets are £10 from the club or any official.

Cradley come out on top in clash



Cradley's Nathan Greaves leads former Heathens favourite Darryl Rithchings

Picture: John Hipkiss

CRADLEY prevailed in a tense last heat decider to get their National League title defence off to a winning start with a 47-43 victory over Coventry Storm at Perry Barr.

Skipper Max Clegg raced clear in a nervy heat 15 to ensure the Heathens emerged from a fiercely contested local derby with three points.

There was drama and action

apenty throughout the meeting; none more so than in the final race as Ellis Perks initially fell on the opening bend before taking down Storm No.1 Luke Crang on the final lap of the rerun.

However, it was Clegg who took the chequered flag in a shared heat which was enough to see the Heathens secure a hard-fought victory despite an exclusion for Perks. Clegg impressed through-

out despite facing a tough test against Coventry's heat-leaders, although he did miss out in the Golden Helmet match race against former Heathens favourite Dan Greenwood.

CRADLEY 47: Ellis Perks 14, Max Clegg 11, Matt Williamson 9, Nathan Greaves 6+1, Michael Neale 3+2, Arron Mogridge 2+1, Luke Harris 2+1

COVENTRY 43: Dan Greenwood 13, Luke Crang 12+2, Darryl Rithchings 8, Rob Shuttleworth 5+3, Martin Knuckey 2, Stefan Farnaby 2, Conor Dwyer 1+1

Boss Drury is looking to start off with a win

BIRMINGHAM team manager Graham Drury says his side need to get off to a winning start when they take on the Rye House Raiders at Perry Barr next Wednesday.

The 7.30pm meeting will be the 'Surestop' Brummies' National League opener – but they'll be without two of their heat-leaders.

Sam Chapman suffered a nasty hand injury whilst on Premier League duty over the weekend and Adam Ellis has returned to his home in France following a family bereavement.

The Brummies will operate the Rider Replacement facility at No.3 while they have booked Coventry's Dan Greenwood to deputise at No.1.

"It's not an ideal situation but I have faith in the six riders who will race for Birmingham Speedway that they can go out there and battle their way to a win," said Drury.

"The boys are still on a high from our meeting against Cradley last time out and in Dan Greenwood I think we've got a more than capable guest."

"Dan Greenwood dropped just two points at Perry Barr last week in Coventry's league meeting against Cradley and he also won the Bronze Helmet match race too."

"He looked very quick and very comfortable and I'm sure he can do the job for us on Wednesday."

"Our thoughts and best wishes are with Adam at this very difficult time," he added.

"We look forward to seeing him back on track with Birmingham in a few weeks time."

"We also wish Sam a speedy recovery and I know he is very disappointed to have to miss the meeting also."

Old player's freak strike decides clash

Gornal Athletic 1 Shifnal Town 0
A FREAK goal against his former club by Grant Joshua was enough to give Gornal Athletic a 1-0 home win over Shifnal Town.

Joshua's 26th-minute touchline free-kick sailed over stand-in keeper Toby Lumbard and into the net.

Shifnal are looking more and like West Midlands Premier relegation candidates, although Lumbard did well in the second period to turn Dreniz Bala's 10-yard shot over the bar. He Followed up with another save from the same player, an angled drive to the near post.

Shifnal had a lot of play but rarely looked like breaking down the home side's defence. Substitute James Welnschuk dragged their best chance wide of the far post following a Barry Evans pass after 73 minutes.

Hughes throws winning darts for England

TIPTON'S Jamie Hughes threw the match-winning darts that saw England scrape through to claim the BDO British International championship.

'Yozza' took out a splendid 136 to secure a 4-1 win over Steve Alker in the second contest of the weekend against Wales. It gave his country the victory on legs difference with Hughes, earning his fourth and fifth cap in the two games, shining at a pivotal time with 12 and 13-dart finishes along the way.

The 29-year-old, who made his World Championship debut this year, was part of a team captained by reigning Lakeside champion Scott Mitchell.

England had faltered in their first clash against Scotland, at the Penyarden Social Club in Merthyr Tydfil, eventually securing a 6-6 draw.

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Glassboys advantage slips away

Stourbridge 2 Marine 2

STOURBRIDGE'S poor form continued as they relinquished a two-goal lead against lowly Marine at Amblecote.

After a tight first half, the Glassboys scored twice in quick succession through Drew Canavan and Chris Lait before a Lewis Codling brace meant Gary Hackett's side have now gone six games without victory.

Stour got off to a decent start in this Evo-Stik Northern Premier game as they looked to put the derby defeat to Halesowen behind them. The lively Josh Morgan-Parker's goalbound strike hit a Marine hand before visiting stopper Matthew Cooper did well to deny Junior Smikle.

But the Merseysiders, fighting hard against relegation with only one defeat in the last seven, went close as Lewis Solly tipped over Jamie Menagh's dangerous cross.

Liam Willis thumped in a header from the resulting corner but Canavan cleared off the line.

The mood was lifted at the War Memorial 12 minutes into the second half as Canavan and Lait combined brilliantly for the former to drill his shot beyond Cooper. Two minutes later the lead was doubled as Smikle's fine low cross from the right was prodded home by Lait.

But Marine were instantly back in it as Codling's spectacular effort from 30 yards flew in over a stranded Solly.

And the points were shared when the impressive Marine wideman picked the ball up on the halfway line before striding through and finishing well.

Halesowen got a well-earned point with a 1-1 draw at Ramsbottom, Iyeden Christie's effort cancelled out by a deflected Matthew Burke shot.

Chance to take on darts ace Bristow in hotel appearance

DARTS legend Eric Bristow, the man known as 'Crafty Cockney' is coming to Brierley Hill in June.

He will appear at the Copthorne Hotel on Thursday June 18 for an evening with a difference where the audience will be up close and personal with the legendary five-times world champion.

Bristow will also be telling stories about his career and life in general in a night hosted by fellow Sky Sports darts commentator Nigel Pearson.

Bristow said: "Darts is going global these days and I'm proud to still be a part of it."

There will be a draw for some members of the audience to play Bristow in a leg of Darts followed by the Q&A. A meal is also included in the ticket price.

Standard tickets are priced at £30 and gold tickets, which include priority seating and a dedicated signed picture with Bristow, are £50. There will also be an auction and raffle with a donation to Compton Hospice.

Tickets are available at www.sportstakevents.co.uk or on 01902 244220. The event is sponsored by Clement Keys Chartered Accountants.

Ellis perks up over title defence

CRADLEY hot shot Ellis Perks is eager to maintain his spectacular start to the 2015 campaign.

The talented teenager has racked up 41 points in his opening three meetings in green, red and white.

He was again the Heathens' match-winner in their narrow 47-43 win over Coventry in their National League opener at Perry Barr last week.

Perks, 18, was delighted to help his new club get their campaign off to a perfect start with his 14 points seeing them edge a hard-fought win.

As they prepare to return to action with a tough test against Eastbourne at Perry Barr next

Speedway

Wednesday, he is now looking to continue his flying form to help the Heathens retain their National League title.

Said Perks: "It was a really tight meeting against Coventry, but all the boys were scoring well and we managed to come away with the win which was great."

"It was an important win for us, we needed to get our season off to a good start."

"It was another good night for me, it was a shame I was excluded in heat 15 but other than

that I was really happy. I was making some good starts and riding some nice lines, so I'll take the positives and hopefully keep on developing and scoring plenty of points."

"I've had a great start and I want to maintain it. It's not going to be plain sailing for us as a team this year, but hopefully I can keep doing my job and we can get everyone else scoring points as well. We want to come away with the league title at the end of the season, so I want to do everything I can to help us."

"Hopefully as a team we can keep improving and build on a good start and we can help Cradley defend the title."

IONIANS PUT STOUR TO BED

Stourbridge 21 Hull Ionians 42

IONIANS demonstrated why they are champions-elect of National 2 North, their pack making life difficult for the hosts who struggled to contain tighthead Steve Johnson at the scrum.

Stour fought back and were still in the game on the hour mark. Gary Dipple's try bringing them within a score, but Ionians finished the game off clinically, their six tries including two pushovers and a penalty try.

Early penalty concessions gave Ionians prime field position and Stour old boy Chris Reakes took advantage of a midfield defensive misunderstanding to touch down unchallenged behind the posts. After missing two earlier efforts Caolan Ryan hit back with a penalty kick after Tom Jarvis was obstructed chasing a kick ahead.

With the visitors a man down due to a yellow card, Ryan tapped and ran a penalty from his own 22, launching a set of phases that finally worked Toby Handley through a gap.

Penalised

A huge clear out by Dale Garner drew some unpleasant language from his opposite number to which referee Tom Davis took exception and penalised, unintentionally disadvantaging Stour who had worked an overlap. Ryan slotted the penalty. A Ryan infield clearance kick took a wicked bounce, he won the race to secure the loose ball and launched an attack that caught the retreating defenders offside. He slotted a third penalty to take a 9-7 lead.

Ionians' backfield struggled to secure a Dipple kick ahead, the clearance charged down by the chasing Depper but the bounce favoured the defender and Ionians cleared. Their outside half then found a gap in the Stour first up defences, the cover just about held them out but at the cost of a penalty. Ionians opted to scrum and forced a pushover try.

Ionians ran an early second half penalty before their flanker who breezed through under the posts. The penalty count continued to climb as the game briefly reached stalemate before a



Second row Ciaran Moore powers his way through for Stourbridge

penalty award to the visitors was reversed for foul play. Stour kicked for touch, Robbie Hurrell caught and drove, Shillingford's run straightened the angle and a neat offload put Dipple through to outgas the cover.

Ionians were rewarded with a try under the post then a penalty try added to their advantage.

The next scrum drew a further penalty that saw Mark George despatched to the sin bin, Ionians scoring from a catch and drive against the depleted Stour pack. From a Drew Harper tap, Ryan's sidestep fashioned a line break for sub Ash Oyekan to somehow blast his way through.

DK went down 87-24 at Peterborough.

Old Halesonians 17 Hinckley 10

IN their penultimate league game of the season, Hales avenged a heavy loss earlier in the season having travelled with a weakened side.

Hinckley were favourites, needing to win to ensure a play-off position for promotion to National 2.

Scores came from a Chris Cooper penalty, a Carl Robinson try, converted by Hooper, then Hooper touched down and added to the points.

On Saturday Old Hales firsts visit Lichfield in their final league game. They meet Whitchurch RFC in the final of the North Midlands Cup at Dudley Kingswinford ground on Sunday May 10.

Irrepressible Singh grabs all four goals

Tipton Tn 4 Shepshed Dynamo 4

TIPTON Town hotshot Gurjit Singh bagged all four goals – including a last-minute equaliser – in an eight-goal Midlands Premier thriller.

It was seen as a 'must-win' game for the Black Country side as they entered the closing stages of the campaign to preserve their Premiership status.

Singh, whose rapid rise has landed him on the books at Conference side Kidderminster Harriers, was deadly in front of goal and also set up Adam Hill to hit the bar.

Shepshed has started positively, but Singh gave the visitors the lead. The hot shot had already flashed a rising drive just over when he collected an 18th-minute pass, turned Shepshed defender Liam Lescott and finished strongly across keeper Liam Mitchell.

Rob Wall levelled on 34 minutes as the host's pressure told. But just before the hour mark Singh struck again. He brought down a crossfield pass from Dave Bate, jinked past Lescott and fired past the helpless Mitchell.

Yet the lead lasted just two minutes as Dave Hind scored a fine goal as this topsy-turvy clash.

There were no more goals until the last 20 minutes, and even then it looked like the hosts would take the spoils.

Singh completed his hat-trick in the 71st minute, outpacing the visitors' defence before sending Mitchell the wrong way.

Steve Towers equalised and Rob Morgan gleefully stabbed home what looked like an 88th-minute winner for the Leicester-based outfit. But they reckoned without the irrepressible Singh, who in the last minute danced through and planted his shot beyond Mitchell.

Marathon efforts for club runners

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club travelled a little further afield as all the months of hard training was put to the test.

Ingrid Cain travelled to Holland for the Rotterdam Marathon and was able to record a finishing time of 4.16.43 to place 8,036th in a field of nearly 12,000.

Over the half distance Malcolm Pillar travelled to Worcester, and was 96th in 1.38.11 to claim the 2nd MV60 prize. Sarah Krivosic finished 563rd in 2.18.08.

Lorna Hulme claimed the third ladies prize in the Ronnie Bowker 10k in Birmingham's Cannon Hill Park recording 41.20 for 23rd place overall. Andy Morrison ran 49.55 for 48th place and Aimee Pugh was 118th in 1.04.56.

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